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## B-29s Wreak Entire Philipp...

WASHINGTON.—The entire Philippine Islands were liberated this week and Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that the campaigns can be regarded as "virtually closed." He said the entire Jap force of 450,000 men was "practically annihilated." Meanwhile the aerial softening-up of Japan on a round-the-clock basis achieved a clocklike precision this week as fleet after fleet of B-29 Superfortresses struck principal target cities and P-37s from newly-won Okinawa attacked suicide plane bases on southern Kyushu.

Delivering a succession of one-two punches on industrial targets, the great fleets of B-29s, ranging in number from 400 to 600, blasted Shimotu, Tokushim, Takamatsu, Kochi and Himeji. Firebombs left flames covering each city after the pre-dawn raids.

### P-47s In Fight

The P-47s, Thunderbolts and Mustangs took off from bases on Okinawa and raked suicide plane targets for more than an hour on Wednesday.

The fireblitz attacks now have been launched by B-29s on 26 industrial cities and daily the Army Air Forces writes off more of the Jap homeland cities as "destroyed" beyond the point where they can

## Gen. Jacob L. Devers Now Commanding AGF

WASHINGTON.—Gen. Jacob L. Devers, recently assigned to command the Army Ground Forces, replacing Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, brings to his new job action-packed experience in combat in both the North African and European theaters of operations, service overseas in World War I and commands of both Infantry and Artillery in various camps at home. For almost two years at the beginning of the war, General Devers was chief of the Armored Force, after which he served as Commanding General of the ETO until the assumption of that command by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Recently returned after commanding the 6th Army Group in the ETO, General Devers also formerly was Deputy Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations and Commanding General of the United

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States forces in the North African Theater.

As Commanding General of the 6th Army Group, General Devers was charged with the co-ordination of planning for the operation against the enemy in Southern France, and in addition to the 7th Army had command of virtually the entire regular Army of France.

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## Peace Charter Given Senate

WASHINGTON.—The United Nations' Charter for world peace—a birth certificate for the worldwide peace organization—was presented to the Senate on Monday by President Truman in an atmosphere of confidence and hope that presaged an early "blessed event."

"This Charter points down the only road to enduring peace," the President told the Senate. "There is no other."

In strange contrast to a scene of bitterness enacted 26 years ago this month when President Wilson presented the Versailles treaty with the ill-fated League of Nations Covenant, the Senate members stood and roared their approval as President Truman handed the leather-bound original of the San Francisco document to the Senate's President Pro Tempore Kenneth McKellar.

"It is between this Charter and no Charter at all," the President warned in a brief and informal seven-minute speech to his former colleagues.

Hearings on ratification of the Charter will begin Monday before the Foreign Relations Committee. Ratification by the Committee and the Senate by an overwhelming majority is almost a foregone conclusion.

Historians recalled the occasion on July 11, 1919, when President Wilson faced an antagonistic Senate to present the Versailles treaty to a much less world-minded legislative body. Five members, who were present 26 years ago, also were on hand on Monday. They were Senators McKellar, Gerry, Johnson, Capper and Walsh. Only McKellar and Gerry voted for unconditional ratification of the Versailles treaty with its League of Nations Covenant.

President Truman, in presenting

the charter for early ratification, outlined five objectives, but passed over the detailed provisions. The objectives of the charter were, he said:

### Five Objectives

1. Prevent future wars.
2. Settle international disputes by peaceful means and in conformity with principles of justice.
3. Promote world-wide progress and better standards of living.
4. Achieve universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all men and women—without distinction as to race, language or religion.
5. Remove the economic and social causes of international conflict and unrest.

"It comes from the reality of experience in a world where one general (See Charter, Page 20)

## New Pacific Supply Post For POA Head

HONOLULU.—A new third command has been established for Lt. Gen. Robert C. Richardson, Jr., commanding general of the U. S. Army Forces in Pacific Ocean Areas and commander of the Hawaiian Department, it was announced here July 2.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur has appointed General Richardson commanding general of the Middle Pacific.

With Lt. Gen. Wilhelm D. Styer, recently named commander of the Western Pacific, Richardson will be responsible for supplying men and materiel for the armies and garrisons fighting against Japan.

The two commands are charged with supply, training and administration of all Army forces in the Pacific, Richardson said.

The area under the Middle Pacific Command is the same as that Richardson commanded as commanding general of POA, while Styer's Western Pacific Command is geographically bounded by the limits of MacArthur's old Southwest Pacific Command.

## Wounds, Capture Will Not Prevent Man's Promotion

WASHINGTON.—The promotion recommendation of an enlisted man who becomes a prisoner of war, missing in action or is hospitalized for combat wounds after date the recommendation is initiated will be processed in the usual manner and, if approved, the man will be promoted without regard to position vacancies, the War Department has ordered.

The order is contained in a new paragraph 11.1 to AR 615-5.

## 1,500,000 Yanks To Leave Europe Within Six Months

PARIS.—More than 310,000 United States troops already have arrived or are on their way to America; 265,000 more soldiers are expected to be shipped home during July, and schedules call for an additional total of 1,500,000 to leave within six months.

This was the statement of headquarters of Communications Zone in announcing that shipments are running ahead of schedule because of the policy of jamming transports beyond their normal accommodations.

Col. Thomas J. Wood, port commander at Le Havre, announced that of the 250,000 embarking at Le Havre since VE-Day, 32,075 were men with enough overseas points for discharge, and "practically all" the 91,000 Americans who had been prisoners of war.

Clearing this month will be the

28th and 30th (Old Hickory) Infantry Divisions which have been designated by Supreme Headquarters to leave Germany for redeployment to the Pacific. The 13th (Black Cat) Armored Division is now going through Camp Atlanta in the redeployment assembly area on its way toward Japan.

The 104th (Timberwolf) Division has cleared Le Havre; the 8th Division now is loading, and the 2nd, 4th, 5th, 44th are making ready.

Two-thirds of the July shipments will be redeployed troop units, of which 40,000 will be air force units, 102,000 ground force troops, and 34,000 in the service forces.

The remainder will include 43,000 soldiers with points enough for a discharge and 13,000 sick and wounded being evacuated to U. S. hospitals.



UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES and ready guns of the Port Military Police, Japanese prisoners of war are moved in a harbor boat from the Transportation Corps transport which brought them to San Francisco Port of Embarkation to await train movement eastward.

Copies of Army Times are made available to all Army hospitals through the American Red Cross.

Harold D. Smith, Budget Director, told Congress that Mr. Truman (See Bradley, Page 20)

# 40,000 Officers With 85 Points May Be Released From The ETO

**HEADQUARTERS, ETO.**—Officers of the Army of the United States who have Adjusted Service Rating Scores of 85 points or more, and who are not essential to theater requirements, are eligible for return to the United States and possible discharge from the service, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations announced.

The eligibility for Wac officers has been set at 59 points.

Officers and warrant officers of the Regular Army, whether active or retired, and permanent members of the Army Nurse Corps, are still considered essential, however, regardless of their point scores, ETO headquarters said.

A separate score will soon be set by USSTAF for officers of Air Force units.

Emphasizing that military necessity is the governing factor in determining discharge of officers, ETO headquarters said that the eligibility score is "merely a guide for adjustment of officer personnel surplus to theater requirements."

It was stressed that officers returned to the U. S. under the theater eligibility score may be declared essential there and reassigned.

Approximately 40,000 officers may be released from the ETO under the 85-point eligibility score, which was selected after a careful study of Machine Records Units' analysis of officer scores. As of May 31, there were some 245,000 officers in the ETO, of whom 54,675 were in Air Force units.

Eligible officers may, however,

elect to remain on active duty, ETO headquarters said.

"The general policy will be that, wherever consistent with military necessity and the availability of suitable replacements, officers with scores of 85 points or more, and those for whom no suitable assignment vacancy exists within the theater, will be declared surplus to the needs of the theater," the announcement said. "However, each officer must understand that his ASR score is to be used only as a aid and guide in reaching a decision.

"Where the release of an officer from an organization will materially impair the efficiency of the organization in performing its primary mission, or when his services are required for another assignment, that officer will remain on duty as and where required."

Final determination of the essentiality of an officer can only be made in the United States, ETO headquarters said, but every effort will be made to return the maximum number of officers without endangering the military effectiveness of units requiring occupation and redeployment.

Officer pools in the Ground Force Reinforcement Command will be drawn on to replace officers over the eligibility score who have been declared essential to their units, as far as possible, it was said.

Meanwhile, a readjustment of officer personnel, involving the transfer of those over the eligibility score to Category IV units (those to be inactivated), and the transfer of Regular Army officers and those below the eligibility score to units in other categories, has already started.

## First High-Score ETO Wacs Due Home In July

**HEADQUARTERS, ETO.**—The first high-score Wacs to be returned to the United States from the European Theater of Operations—a group of approximately 50—will be flown home some time in July, Lt. Col. Anna W. Wilson, ETO WAC Staff Director, has announced.

They began arriving at rein-

forcement depots shortly after July 1, and will be flown home as soon as air space is available. All the group have scores over 70 points. The highest score is 112 points.

A minimum of 50 Wacs will be returned monthly thereafter until November, when a substantial increase in the quota is expected, Colonel Wilson said. Some 3000 Wacs in the ETO are eligible for release under the War Department critical score of 44 points.

Each month, it was explained, an ETO WAC score will be announced. All Wacs above this score who so desire will be returned to the U. S. Wacs above this score may, however, elect to apply for an overseas discharge, or to remain in the Army.

The Army will help Wacs obtain suitable civilian jobs with government agencies in the theater, Colonel Wilson said. Any Wac with more than 44 points may apply now for a civilian job in the ETO. She will be notified as to suitable vacancies existing. However, she will not be released to take a civilian job until her score is reached in the ETO program.

## BOOST RATION VALUE 1 CENT

**WASHINGTON.**—Commutation value of the Army ration for the new fiscal year which began July 1 has been raised one cent by the War Department.

Enlisted personnel who are authorized to mess separately, and enlisted persons on furlough will receive 66 cents a day.

Value of the commuted ration for Philippine Scouts has been raised from 32 to 46 cents.

## Can Phone Now From Calcutta To Kunming

**KUNMING, China.**—One of the world's great long-distance telephone lines was formally opened today when the wire from Calcutta to Kunming was officially used for the first time.

The line is approximately 2000 miles long and consists of four pairs of copper-steel wire. It will carry several conversations at the same time and also be available for teletype operation at points along the route.

## Yes Sir, Sur 'Tis, Sir

**FORT SILL, Okla.**—What's your name?"  
"Sur!"  
"I say what's your name?"  
"Sur!"  
"Go on, we'll get it later."

snapped M/Sgt. Michael R. (Pop) Fleming, acting first sergeant of Headquarters Battery.

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# CofC Demands Action To Clarify Job Rights

WASHINGTON.—The Chamber of Commerce last week demanded that the government clarify the job rights of veterans of World War II to help in the placement of 600,000 discharged veterans in the next year.

"As the situation now stands, we are off to a bad start to smooth the path of the servicemen from war to peace," a special pamphlet issued by the Chamber asserts.

"Are they going to get back their jobs or are they not?"

"It is high time that official notice be taken of the confusion that is occurring as the result of the diverse and contradictory interpretations of the Selective Service Act relating to the reinstatement of veterans to employment," the pamphlet emphasizes.

## Bill Introduced

A bill to clarify veterans' job rights was introduced in Congress last week by Rep. Harold Knutson (R., Minn.).

Labor unions and veterans' organizations also have urged a uniform interpretation of the selective service provisions governing veterans' rights to re-employment or new jobs, but neither they nor government officials have been able to

## Mission Increase Before Rotation Angers Acrews

MILWAUKEE.—Some of the crews which flew the first B-29 missions against Japan have been told that they must fly 35 instead of 30 missions before rotation, Robert J. Doyle, Milwaukee Journal correspondent, has written to his paper from Saipan.

The decision has caused some bitterness among airmen, Mr. Doyle wrote. He declared that he was told by Brig. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell, commander, 73d Bomb Wing, that sufficient replacements are not available and that some planes would be idle if all crews were relieved after 30 missions.

## Warns On V. D.

WASHINGTON.—The War Department has ordered that a copy of WD Pamphlet 21-20, "Venereal Disease," be given to each man processed through ports of embarkation for overseas.

The pamphlet warns personnel that venereal disease rates are likely to be much higher in overseas areas than in the United States because of varying local customs and because of prior presence of enemy troops.

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## Mechanics For Appointing Dischargees In Reserves Prescribed By War Dept.

WASHINGTON.—Procedures by which officers and enlisted men of the Army of the United States, other than Regular Army officers, can be offered commissions in the Officers' Reserve Corps or enlistments in the Enlisted Reserve Corps in highest war rank have been published in W. D. Circular No. 194.

Bills also have been introduced in both the House and the Senate stipulating that a veteran may not be denied work because of membership or non-membership in a labor union or because of refusal to join a union.



—Army Photo

ONLY WAC in the 15th Army Group, Sgt. Geraldine Horne expects to be discharged under the Army point system. As secretary to Gen. Mark Clark, Sergeant Horne had her share of bombing, strafing and mud as headquarters were only ten miles behind the front lines. Now stationed at Miami Field, Fla., she is catching up on sleep, Coca-Cola and ice cream.

completion of terminal leave, as appointing them earlier would result in vacating the ORC or NGUS commission and might jeopardize right to terminal leave.

Enlisted men, except those currently enlisted in the National Guard, will be offered enlistment in rank held, provided their services were satisfactory.



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## What Price Peace?

Life would be a pretty dreary thing if hope didn't "spring eternal in the human breast" and if mankind didn't keep chasing rainbows.

There's a new supply of hope and a very bright rainbow on the horizon this week. The United Nations Charter for world peace is in the hands of the U. S. Senate—a world-minded and peace-minded Senate that will ratify the Charter and embark the United States upon a new era of world relations.

Not more than a handful of votes will oppose ratification in the Senate. This is good news and when coupled with reports that the Charter will not be delayed for very long by Senate debates indicates that the political leaders of this nation are as determined to end the causes of war as those who fought the battles.

World peace is a great objective. It is the objective of all of us and even though the details of the world Charter are meaningless to the majority of GI Joes it is their main objective—the answer to their oft-asked question, "What am I fighting for?"

Therefore, it's up to the GI Joes to become the "guardians of peace" just as our forefathers became the "guardians of liberty" 169 years ago when another great Charter was framed—the Constitution of the United States.

With the common sense, the appreciation of democracy and the better understanding of their fellowmen borne of war and war's suffering, the GI Joes are well-fitted to detect and prevent demagogues, phony nationalists, seekers-after-power and racehaters from brewing the causes of war in their warped brains.

Nations will squabble in the future as they have in the past, but a well-functioning peace organization can resolve international differences into the relatively minor status of a "family argument."

## State Department Scores!

In announcing the need for 400 new foreign service officers the State Department has made it clear that it prefers men and women of the armed forces and veterans of the present war. The Department's preference is so pronounced that it has made arrangements for the release of qualified candidates from the armed forces.

The Department is convinced that "the most suitable talent to draw from is among the men and women who have fought to win the war, and, therefore, have a vital and personal interest in building a lasting peace."

The State Department has shown excellent and sound judgment in expressing its preference. It has taken a long step forward in making it clear that this nation's government is the veterans' responsibility.

## \$64 Question—\$128 Answer!

A story Senator Kilgore tells about the questioning of Hermann Goering delights members of the ground forces.

In the form of a \$64 question airman Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz asked Goering, "Isn't it a fact that bombing from the air knocked Germany out of the war?"

"Nein," said Goering. "It was the speed with which the Allied ground forces jumped in on us. They caught us napping and captured Germany just when we were ready to spring some new things that might have been the balance of power."

Said Doughboy General Patch: "That, my friend, is the \$128 answer."

Airmen aren't a bit upset by Goering's opinion of air power. In nine days 2400 sorties by the 21st Bomber Command planes smashed Japanese cities. The Tokyo radio is busy telling the world that the airmen are doing a swell job.

## The Army Has A Word For It!

Another picturesque and colorful addition to the rich vocabulary of the Army, which already includes such gems as "jail bait," "San Quentin quail" and other less printables, is the one used to describe little-clothed German girls—"Fraterbait".

## Let's Live Up To It!



## At Your Service

**Q. When I am discharged from the Army and my wife gets her discharge from the WAC, we both plan to go to school to finish our educations. What allowance will each of us receive under the educational provisions of the GI Bill? B.K.M.**

**A. You will receive \$75 a month as the husband, and your wife will receive \$50. If you have a child your wife would receive \$75 a month.**

**Q. Is it possible for a civilian to get a Purple Heart award? C.L.G.**

**A. Yes, the Purple Heart can be awarded to civilians who are citizens of the U. S. and who are serving with the Army, and are wounded in action against the enemy, or as a direct result of an act of the enemy, provided the wound necessitates treatment by a medical officer.**

**Q. When a man is wounded and hospitalized, does his full pay continue? Mrs. S.B.M.**

**A. Yes, if the soldier was wounded in line of duty, his pay will continue while he is hospitalized.**

**Q. Is an Army Nurse permitted to make an allotment or a family allowance to her mother who is dependent on her for support? B.B.S.**

**A. She may make any voluntary Class E allotment of pay to her mother that she desires. She cannot apply for a family allowance for her mother, since she is a commissioned officer.**

**Q. My husband has gone overseas and gets his added pay for overseas service. My allowance is not sufficient to take care of my expenses. Isn't there some way I can get my husband's overseas pay without him signing it to me? Mrs. L.J.**

**A. No, only the serviceman can allot to his family any or all of the 20 per cent increase of base pay he received for overseas duty.**

**Q. Does mustering-out pay come under the GI Bill of Rights? G.H.L.**

**A. No. Mustering-out pay is granted to members of the armed forces who served on or after Dec. 7, 1941, provided they meet certain requirements. Mustering-out payments are made by the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard disbursing officers, whereas the rights and benefits under the GI Bill are administered by the Veterans' Administration.**

**Q. Who is considered to be a serviceman's next of kin, his wife or his mother? C.R.W.**

**A. The wife is recognized as next of kin.**

**Q. My husband served in the Army from November, 1942,**

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**through April, 1943, but during that time I did not receive any family allowance. Would I be able to get it now for that period of his service? Mrs. B.**

**A. No; application may be made only while the serviceman is still in the service.**

**Q. I have been married twice. My son by my first marriage served in the Army and was killed in action in Germany. Can I get a pension because of his death, even though my present husband supports me? Can I get it any time in the future if my husband is not able to support me? Mrs. K.C.J.**

**A. There is no time limit as to when dependency may arise. Therefore, file your claim for pension, based on your son's death in service, on Form 535 with the nearest regional office of the Veterans' Administration. If you are not now eligible, because not held to be dependent, you may then re-apply at any time in the future that dependency does arise, using the same claim number.**

**Q. Will men who voluntarily enlisted in the Army (did not enter through the draft) be discharged now if they have enough points for demobilization, or will they be held in service because they enlisted? H.R.O.**

**A. Every man in the service will receive a point score regardless of the way in which he entered the service. A man who voluntarily enlisted will be just as eligible for discharge as a man who was drafted.**

**Q. Does the demobilization plan, under the point system, include men here in the States who have had no service overseas, or is it just for overseas men? Mrs. M.M.**

**A. The plan includes every individual in the Army. Of course, personnel who have had no overseas service will obviously have a lower point score, since they will not receive any points for overseas service or for combat decorations.**

## Letters

Gentlemen:

Britain says it's the oldest first;

Russia gives the nod to thirteen overage groups;

United States says release of men over 35 will disrupt demobilization.

Ha Ha,  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I like to march for Uncle Sammy  
In my khakis I sure look sporty  
But wish my pappy and my mammy  
Met three years sooner, then I'd  
be forty.

Three Shy.

Gentlemen:

If the Army doesn't want men  
over 30 now, why doesn't it follow  
that they should release overage  
men?

3-years-service-37er,  
Vocklabruck, Austria.

Gentlemen:

According to figures submitted by  
the War Department only 3 per  
cent of the men were over 38 when  
the Army was at full strength.  
Where do they get that 300,000 fig-  
ure today. I'd make a sizeable  
wager there aren't that many.

Want-to-Bet,  
Lincoln, Neb.

Gentlemen:

Some day I would like to visit  
that 12x12 room in the Pentagon  
building where they took the dis-  
charge poll. It would be interest-  
ing to find the source of those  
"stacked-tistics."

Just Interested,  
Kearns, Utah.

Gentlemen:

My jobs in the Army have re-  
minded me of those "dear, old  
WPA" jobs. I would like to see  
some of those Brass Hats sweat out  
these so-called jobs with us. Just  
a week should be enough, while  
three years would probably make  
them as disgusted as we.

Tired Old Man,  
Camp Hood, Texas.

Gentlemen:

Before the Army lowers the  
point total it would be a good idea  
if it got around to discharging  
those of us who have more than 35.  
Thus far all we have gotten is the  
old run-around from those who  
should be getting us out. What's  
the real dope on this often praised  
discharge system?

Overseas Vet.

Gentlemen:

We have read that men over 42  
were being discharged. Is this actu-  
ally so? The last report we had  
was that all point men would go  
home ahead of us, which means  
that we will stay here for a year  
or so. I have served in two wars,  
receiving the Silver Star in the first  
one and the Bronze Star in this one,  
so I thought I would get some con-  
sideration.

45-year-old 1st Sergeant,  
ETO.

Gentlemen:

What's happened to all the hulla-  
baloo about Pre-Pearl Harbor  
fathers?

Pre-Pearl Harbor,  
Madison, Wis.

Gentlemen:

The fact that the Army drafted  
me with only one eye is very confus-  
ing to the doctors—but nothing  
is done about it. When are the  
4-Fs in uniform going to be con-  
sidered?

Over-35,  
Camp Shanks, N. Y.

# Don't 'Duck' A Politician, He May Become The President

FORT LEWIS, Wash.—From the window by his cluttered desk the editor of a small-town newspaper in the Missouri Ozarks watched the umpteenth candidate for the day climb gingerly from a much-used Chevrolet.

"Here comes another one," he said wearily to the printer's devil. "Stall him off, will you, 'til I duck out the back door."

That was back in 1934 and the candidate was an aspirant for the United States Senate.

Recently the two Missourians met again and enjoyed a laugh together as the former editor related the above story. "Now here we are," the editor concluded, "I'm a corporal in the Army and you're my Commander-in-Chief."

At Olympia, Washington state capitol where he visited Gov. Mon C. Wallgren prior to addressing the United Nations Conference at San Francisco, President Harry S. Truman finally "obtained" his interview with the elusive country journalist, Cpl. Mahlon N. White of Warsaw, Mo., reporter with the medical section's public relations office at Fort Lewis.

The six-foot four-inch, 220-pound White, known as "Puny" to his associates in Missouri where he is president of the Benton County Publishing Company and third-generation editor of the Warsaw "Guide," had a tough assignment.

He landed outside the capitol with thousands of others who had come to see their President award the Medal of Honor to Sgt. John D. Hawk of Bremerton. After a lucky



—Fort Lewis Sentinel Photo

**HE DIDN'T DUCK HIM THIS TIME**  
The Candidate and the Editor

encounter with Col. Harry Vaughan, military aide to the President, the corporal found himself on the capitol steps waiting for the ceremony to end.

"Follow us," said the Colonel. "He wants to see you inside," and left White with Mr. Truman in the governor's office.

A lifelong Democrat who has seen Mr. Truman numerous times, White said the President looked "wonder-

ful." At the close of their visit, the corporal reminded his Commander-in-Chief of the fine "quail huntin'" in Benton County and Mr. Truman assured him he hadn't forgotten.

White, 39, has served with the Army Medics for two years, first at Camp Barkeley, Tex., and for the past year, at Fort Lewis. A true "round peg," he has put his newspaper experience to work writing of his fellow GI's ever since he finished his basic training.

## No Place Like The Old Home Town Say 100th Division Men

WITH THE 100TH DIVISION OF 7TH ARMY IN GERMANY.—In a casual sampling of the men in the 100th Division, it has been found that nearly 85% of the soldiers plan to settle down in the old home town. Moreover, some 60% of the Centurymen questioned were so emphatic about going back to "the best darned town in the world" that they said no ordinary inducement would lure them away.

Only 15% of the men questioned in the Century Division had no strong home-town preference and they were all either young men contemplating further education, or were professional nomads.

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# Furloughs Are Given Railroading Soldiers

WASHINGTON.—In response to an urgent appeal from the Nation's railroads, the War Department has authorized the furloughing of 4000 soldiers with railroad experience for a 30-day period for work on the railroads in order to ease the critical labor situation.

The authorization was given to prevent a breakdown of rail transportation under the mounting pressure of troop and freight movements from Europe to the Pacific.

Personnel furloughed will be employed as brakemen, locomotive firemen, boilermakers, electricians, car repairmen, mechanics, machinists and helpers.

In announcing the furlough plan, Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said:

"The War Department has taken this step with extreme reluctance and only because we are convinced that there is no other way to maintain the speedy flow of traffic essential to the redeployment of our forces for the war against Japan.

"The furloughing of troops to fill civilian jobs is not an efficient way to fight a war, and we had hoped that the diminution of our production needs and the partial demobilization of our Army after the defeat of Germany would eliminate any further need for such furloughs. All of the furloughs previously granted for work in aircraft and tire factories, ammunition plants and foundries have expired, and it is our hope that the present railroad furloughs will be the last for any in-

dustrial group."

The soldiers to be furloughed will be drawn from men now serving in the Army who are not undergoing training in replacement training centers and are not alerted for overseas movement either as individuals or members of units. No man who has not passed his 26th birthday will be furloughed, and preference will be given to those over 30.

## Snow Imprisons 11 American Soldiers

GREENLAND.—Since Jan. 8 11 American soldiers have been imprisoned by ice and snow at Skjoldungen, a weather observation post on Greenland's bleak east coast.

They will be rescued when the ice thaws enough to let a boat through. Supplies have been dropped to them by airplane since a snowslide buried their food, shelters and radio power plant. Efforts to rescue the men by air were unsuccessful.

## Thinking Ahead Toward Peace?

MANY a man at war finds his thoughts turning to his place in the world at peace. To ease the eventual transition from military to civilian life, the Army has instituted "orientation" courses designed to acquaint servicemen with the changes they can expect to find back home.

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## Carbine Course Set

WASHINGTON.—The War Department has issued Change 3 to AR 775-10 to prescribe marksmanship courses for carbines equipped with adjustable sights and to modify the arms qualification courses for several other weapons.



**CONVICTED OF ESPIONAGE**, this 28-year-old SS trooper was captured in civilian clothes at Duesburg, Germany, and was executed (left) by a U. S. 9th Army firing squad near Braunschweig, one of six Germans put to death on June 14. In the photo at right, Army officers are shown consulting their watches for the lapse of the required four minutes before pronouncing the trooper as officially dead. Note caskets which await bodies of executed spies.



—Signal Corps Photo

## Routs Attacks By Enemy Tanks, Given Posthumous Honor Medal

WASHINGTON.—Posthumous award of the Medal of Honor to Cpl. Henry F. Warner, of Troy, N. C., 22-year-old antitank gunner of 2nd Bn., 26th Regt., 1st Infantry Division, who died last Dec. 21 near Dom Butgenbach, Belgium, after he had smashed and set afire three enemy tanks, was announced Monday by the War Department.

Corporal Warner was defending a strategically important ridge on Dec. 20 when the full force of a German attack, led by 20 tanks,

struck. German Mark Vs broke through American defense lines and two headed straight toward Warner's position, firing tank cannon and machineguns.

Warner answered the fire, his first round hit the lead tank and set it afire. Four more shots destroyed it. The second tank was firing and coming right at him, but he carefully placed four rounds into it and silenced its cannon and machineguns.

A third tank approached to within five yards of Warner's position while he was attempting to clear a jammed breach lock. Jumping from his gun pit, Warner engaged in a pistol duel with the tank commander standing in the turret, killing him and forcing the tank to withdraw.

Following a day and night during

which American forces were subjected to constant shelling, mortar barrages and numerous unsuccessful infantry attacks, the enemy struck in great force on the early morning of Dec. 21. Seeing a Mark IV tank looming out of the mist and heading toward his position, Corporal Warner scored a direct hit. Disregarding his injuries, Warner endeavored to finish the loading and again fire at the tank whose motor was now afire, when a second machinegun burst killed him.

Born in Troy, Aug. 23, 1923, Corporal Warner entered the Army Jan. 11, 1943, and fought with the 1st (Red One) Infantry Division from the invasion of Normandy through Belgium and into Germany. The medal will be presented the hero's mother, Mrs. Minnie L. Warner, at Troy.

## Posthumous Medal To Heroic Kansas Gunner

WASHINGTON.—Pfc. Richard E. Cowan, Infantryman of Wichita, Kan., who with his machinegun repulsed repeated waves of German attackers supported by tanks near Krinkeler Wald, Belgium, last Dec. 17, has been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the War Department announced Friday.

During the fighting on the following day, Dec. 18, Private Cowan suffered wounds which caused his death. The medal will be presented to his father, Ralph E. Cowan, at Wichita.

With numerically superior force and supported by heavy tanks, the enemy made an all-out assault on the positions held by Private Cowan's unit, Co. M., 23rd Regt., Second Infantry Division. A machine-gunner in a heavy weapons section, Cowan faced the overrunning Ger-

mans and caused heavy casualties among them. As the seventh enemy wave was repulsed, only three doughboys remained unwounded in his section.

When a Royal Tiger tank bore down on his position, Cowan held his fire until about 80 Nazi infantrymen supporting the tank appeared at a distance of about 150 yards.

His first burst killed or wounded about half of these infantrymen. When infiltration by the enemy made the position untenable and the order was given to withdraw, Private Cowan was the last man to leave, voluntarily covering the withdrawal of his remaining comrades.

Private Cowan was born in Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 5, 1922, and entered the Army Sept. 24, 1943. He held the Purple Heart for wounds received in action Oct. 12, 1944.

## It's All The Babies' Fault

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Europe.—Babies spelled the downfall of the Reich's automobile production.

At least that's the reason a German soldier gave for the lack of German automobiles. The German, who was on a PW detail with a 334th Infantry Regimental wire team told Pfc. Milford Davis that Hitler Germany suffered from a great shortage of automobiles.

"Why?" asked Davis.

The soldier, who could speak English, told him: "You see, the Fuehrer felt that everybody should have babies for the Reich so all the materials used for automobiles went into baby carriages."

## Public Health Officers Given Military Status

WASHINGTON.—The commissioned corps of the U. S. Public Health Service will be a military service on the same basis as the Army and Navy, President Truman has ordered.

An executive order published June 29, to be effective in 30 days, states that commissioned personnel in general shall be under the Articles for the Government of the Navy (similar to the Articles of War of the Army), and personnel detailed to the Army or Coast Guard shall be subject to the laws for the government of those services.

**Cancel Pamphlets**  
WASHINGTON.—Two War Department pamphlets, "Welcome Back, Soldier," and "Your 30 Days at Home," formerly distributed at ports of embarkation, have been rescinded by the department.

## Readjusting GIs Is Busy Job For Edwards Experts

CAMP EDWARDS, Mass.—The Convalescent Hospital through its training division is losing no time in preparing veterans of the European and Pacific theaters of war for return to active military service or civilian life.

In this elaborate program of vocational and educational guidance, the Counseling and Classification Section is playing no small part. Every soldier who enters the hospital goes through this center. Then he again passes through its portals on his way to duty as an active soldier or en route to his home as a civilian.

With more than 1400 personal interviews each week, the seven officers, 77 enlisted men and 11 civilian clerks are a busy lot in their effort to assist the soldier in finding his place in society or in the Army.

## 3 Germans Hanged For Killing Flier

RHEINBACH, Germany.—Three German civilians, tried and convicted of killing an unidentified United States Army flier by shooting, clubbing and hammering after the airman had parachuted from a flaming plane last Aug. 15, paid the penalty for their crime at a triple hanging.

A fourth defendant was convicted, but his death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, commander of the 15th Army.

## Pilot Saves His Crew But Loses Life, Awarded Medal Of Honor

WASHINGTON.—1st Lt. Donald Pucket, Air Corps pilot who sacrificed his life in an attempt to save the lives of three crew members of his B-24 bomber during an attack against the oil fields at Ploesti, Rumania, last July 9, has been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the War Department announced Tuesday.

Just after "bombs away," Lieutenant Pucket's plane, attached to 98th Bombardment Group (H), received heavy and direct hits from anti-aircraft fire. One crew member was instantly killed and six others severely wounded. The airplane was badly damaged; two engines were knocked out, the control cables cut, the oxygen system on fire, and the bomb bay flooded with gas and hydraulic fluid.

Regaining control of his crippled plane, Lieutenant Pucket turned its direction over to the co-pilot. He calmed the crew, administered first aid and surveyed the damage. Finding the bomb bay doors jammed, he used the hand crank to open them to allow the gas to escape. He jettisoned all guns and equipment, but the plane continued to lose altitude.

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conscious. He stated that he had knowledge of other beating cases at the field.

## Congress To Probe Charges Of Prisoner Mistreatment

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## Radio Praises K-9 Ration

WITH THE 45TH DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, in Munich.—If you were in Munich right now and were anywhere near a GI radio, you'd probably hear a stentorian voice booming out of the speaker asking—"Men, have you tried the new K-9—the K-9 biscuit with a personality? Its Old World formula is known only to the top three graders and a rear echelon major. Among frontline Thunder-

birds, the men who know K-9 best, it's K-9 two-to-one: Brooklyn 3—Chicago 7. No other dog biscuit can make that statement!"

This and other commercials which keep the doughboys chuckling emanate from RADIO THUNDERBIRD, the "Voice of the 45th Division in Munich"—the only "personalized" radio station of an infantry division in the ETO.

# Posthumous Honor Medal To GI Who Fought Nazis Hand-to-Hand

**WASHINGTON.** — Sgt. Day G. Turner, Infantryman from Nescopeck, Pa., who with a small squad engaged a superior German force in hand-to-hand fighting and held a vital flank position near Dahl, Luxembourg, last Jan. 8, has been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the War Department announced Thursday.

Sergeant Turner was killed in action a month later, Feb. 8, while his unit, Company B, 319th Regt. 90th (Blue Ridge) Infantry Division, was fighting inside Germany.

The Medal will be presented to Sergeant Turner's mother, Mrs. Leona Belle Turner, at Nescopeck.

Pointing out that Sergeant Turner commanded a nine-man squad, with the mission of holding a critical flank position, the official citation says:

"When overwhelming numbers of the enemy attacked under cover of withering artillery, mortar and rocket fire, he withdrew his squad into a nearby house, determined to defend it to the last man."

## Fights Room-To-Room

"The enemy attacked again and again and were repulsed with heavy losses. Supported by direct tank fire, they finally gained entrance, but the intrepid sergeant refused to surrender although five of his men were wounded and one was killed. He boldly flung a can of flaming oil at the first wave of attackers, dispersing them, and fought doggedly from room to room, closing with the enemy in fierce hand-to-hand encounters.

"He hurled hand grenade for

hand grenade, bayoneted two fanatical Germans who rushed a doorway he was defending and fought on with the enemy's weapons when his own ammunition was expended. The savage fight raged for four hours, and finally, when only three men of the defending squad were left unwounded, the enemy surrendered. Twenty-five prisoners were taken, 11 enemy dead and a great number of wounded were counted."

Born in Berwick, Pa., on Sept. 2, 1921, Sergeant Turner enlisted in the Army Sept. 16, 1943.

## Okinawa Tree-Climbing Rats Wise But Fall Victims To Yank Traps

**WITH THE 27TH (TOKYO EXPRESS) INFANTRY DIVISION,** mopping up on Okinawa.—It may be true that if you invent a better mouse trap the world will beat a path to your door. Well, there's been new rodent exterminator devised—but don't go up the path toward the door unless you know the password. The inventors are handy with a gun, being veteran members of one company of the Appleknocker regiment of Maj. Gen. Geo. W. Griner's famed 27th Infantry Division.

Pfc's Shirley Wise, Albert F. Davidson and Clarence Duhon have been using a deserted grass hut on Okinawa for their one-room apartment. It was home for the trio—a flea-bitten affair that offered a little interior space for flies, and, therefore, sheltered the boys a bit. After copious spraying with DDT

had disposed of the fleas, one major problem confronted them: How to cope with Okinawa's tree-climbing rats, wise devils with a unique way of invading grass huts.

These rodents shinny up a tree overhanging the hut and then leap like divebombers. They plump through the thatched roof, which serves to break their fall, and then drop gently to the matting below. Once inside, they seemed to know where the food was kept, and if the larder wasn't up to snuff, they weren't bashful about nipping an ear or two. For humans, it was a helluva way to spend a night.

Then the ingenious Wise-Duhon-Davidson firm took over. They built a sheetmetal jacket for their grass roof—one which can be put in place or removed in a moment. The soldiers alternate their on and off nights, and the rats plunge to their death, cracking their skulls against the metal in their invasion dives.

## QM And AAF Officers Collaborate On Song

**WASHINGTON.** — Lt. Col. James V. Hunt of the Quartermaster Corps and Capt. George Sallada Howard, director of the Bowling Field Army Air Forces Band, have written a new song designed to dissipate the fears of the girl GI Joe left behind when he went to war.

The song, "A Niece of Uncle Sam," informs the skeptical that all the girls GI Joe meets abroad are as nothing compared to the one he left behind. The song will be sung by Sgt. Glen Darwin, former Metropolitan Opera artist, now featured with the AAF Band.

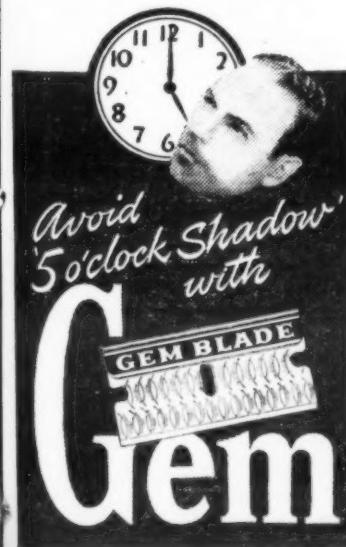


SWEET WAC gives out the sweet sounds for getting up time at the Army's 3000 bed Oliver General Hospital in Augusta, Ga. Pvt. Rita M. Danielski is one of the 137 members of the Women's Army Corps training at Oliver to learn the duties of surgical and medical technicians.



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## Reds Attempt Armed Force Subversion, House Unit Says

**WASHINGTON.** — Warning that communists have been instructed to penetrate into and establish "cells" in Army and Navy units was voiced late last week by the House Military Affairs Committee.

In a formal report, compiled by a subcommittee appointed as a result of the Army's order to commission "51 per cent Americans" and adopted by the full committee, the group warned:

"Since 1919, communists have been everywhere at work within this country, supported and financed liberally from abroad, and if they are able to do so they will penetrate within the armed forces on which we rely for security."

The report detailed methods by which communists make contact with men of the armed forces with the intention of obtaining small groups who will foment dissatisfaction with officers and conditions of military life. Men leave billboards where servicemen will find them, the committee said, while girls make social contacts in attempts to get

personnel to attend communist meetings.

Communist interests have coincided with American interests while the United States was at War with Germany, the committee said, but reminded "we are entering on a new era in which no one can foresee the turn of events."

## Heavy Bond Buyers

**BOCA RATON FIELD, Fla.** — Squadron C hit the War Bond jackpot when two of its officers made respective purchases of \$85,000 and \$55,000 in the Seventh War Loan Drive. The Field is now expected to meet its \$500,000 quota.

## New Recreation Worker

**BOCA RATON FIELD, Fla.** — Miss Dorothy McAdam, of the American Red Cross, has assumed her duties as head recreation worker at the Station Hospital. She has served at Camp Sutton, N. C.; Camp Forrest, Tenn., and Venice Field, Fla.



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# Most Men Out Of Italy By Fall; Clark Gets Austrian Command

WASHINGTON.—Appointment of Gen. Mark W. Clark, 15th Army Group commander, as commander in chief of U.S. occupational forces in Austria was officially announced this week by Under Secretary of War Patterson. Patterson introduced at his press conference Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of American forces in MTO, who gave full details of plans for redeployment of ground and air units in his theater and declared a fifth of his men have 85 or more points for discharge.

Clark, "like General Eisenhower in Germany," will be the highest ranking American working in conjunction with British, Russian and French authorities in governing and occupying Austria," Under Secretary of War Patterson said.

With some variations, he continued, Austria is going to be occupied in the same manner as Germany, with four zones of occupation, and with Vienna being divided into four zones on the same pattern as Berlin.

The 15th Army Group, like the 6th and 12th Army Groups in Germany, probably will be abolished soon.

General McNarney stated that troops for Austria would be furnished from the European Theater,

but that Clark's headquarters in Vienna would be formed from the Americans of the 15th Army Group and the II Corps headquarters of Lt. Gen. Geoffrey Keyes would be stationed at Salzburg.

Two divisions will occupy Austria, McNarney said, but "for the first two months there will be three divisions in there, one division just awaiting transportation to get back home."

These divisions, he continued, are all in the XV Corps, headquarters of which is due to be relieved by II Corps headquarters.

## 240 Highest Score

General McNarney stated he was returning to MTO about the middle of July, perhaps to stay until redeployment "is really complete."

A total of 50,000 men, all service troops, are being shipped directly from Italy to the Far East, and most already have left, McNarney said.

"At the time of the German surrender," he continued, "I had 508,000 Americans in the theater. Of those 508,000, 89,048 had a score of 85 or better—that is, 21.7 percent."

## Few Will Remain

Only 50,000 troops will remain in the theater in December, McNarney continued, and by the end of January there will be left only 2600 soldiers, mostly in salvage work, and a division probably the 10th Mountain Division, will be occupying a portion of Venitza Giulia in the Trieste area.

About 5000 Air Force men will be stationed in Italy, he went on, but they will be under ETO control. "I think two B-17 and one fighter group will remain," he stated.

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The bomber group, he said, would come from the 15th Air Force, the

fighter, probably from the 15th, possibly from the 12th Air Force.

These three groups will be transferred to the 9th Air Force which will remain in Europe. The 15th Air Force will be redeployed, he said. Redeployment of the 8th Air Force previously was announced.

Order of return of divisions from Italy was also disclosed by General McNarney, who said the Brazilians would be first out, followed by 88th, 85th and 92d Infantry Divisions. The 34th Infantry Division, one of the first into the theater, will be the last out, he said, because "we just got all new men in it; all the high-score men are coming out as casualties."

The 10th Mountain Division probably will stay in the Trieste area, he pointed out, since it was scheduled as a reserve division and not for immediate redeployment against Japan.

# CWS Plays Big Part In Army's Supremacy

WASHINGTON.—A temporary expedient in World War I to meet the challenge of German introduction of gas, flamethrowers and aerial incendiaries, the Chemical Warfare Service Sunday marked its Silver Anniversary as a permanent branch of the Army.

The CWS was formally established July 1, 1920, under the provisions of the National Defense Act of that year, and is unique among the branches of the Army in that it is identified with its own material from the test tube to the battlefield. It conceives, manufactures and uses its own weapons.

Though its basic items were designed originally for gas warfare, many of them have been put to highly effective current use. Its bombs now are carrying fire instead of gas to the enemy, other containers release smoke in lieu of lethal fumes and the chemical mortar fires incendiary, smoke and high explosive instead of gas.

Under these conditions, troops

organized for possible gas warfare are performing a variety of other duties. Mortar, generator and even decontaminating and maintenance troops are utilized in creating the chemical fog which hides assault operations and cuts down battle losses, while other troops create the chemical fire which sears the enemy and destroys his production facilities.

Four outstanding weapons have been developed, manufactured, supplied to other branches and used by CWS troops. They are aerial incendiary bombs, flamethrowers, 4.2-inch chemical mortars and smoke generators, pots and grenades.

"From the reports I have received the 4.2-inch mortar, the incendiary bomb and the flamethrower have contributed materially to the successes we have so far attained," Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, has stated.

That the CWS means action and honor is attested by the fact that some 3500 of its officers and men have received individual decorations and a score of CWS units have received one or more citations and commendations.

## PWs Riot At Dix And 3 Russians Commit Suicide

FORT DIX, N. J.—In protest against their being returned to Europe for repatriation, 157 Soviet citizens, captured while serving in the German army and held prisoners of war here, staged a riot in the course of which three of the PWs committed suicide by hanging.

Barricading themselves in their compound, the prisoners first set fire to bedding and clothing in the barracks and, armed with knives, from mess kits, and clubs, charged out of a rear door and attacked officers and soldier guards. Enlisted men retaliated by opening fire with carbines and sub-machine guns, wounding seven prisoners. Several guards received minor hurts, and situation was brought under control within 30 minutes. Movement of the prisoners to their scheduled embarkation point was effected.

## No Motor, Gas, Nuthin

FORT DEVENS, Mass.—Patients of Lovell General Hospital are being offered the opportunity of brushing up on their automobile driving proficiency with the use of a GI jeep. Thwarting potential speedsters, however, is the one catch in the set-up—the jeep is motorless.



LACK OF AMERICAN FLAGS stirred men of the 2nd Platoon of Co. I, 394th Regt., 99th Infantry Division, so they made their own with scraps of red, white and blue cloth which they sewed on a white German surrender flag. When they crossed the Rhine at Remagen, their flag, one side of it completed, became the first on the east bank of the river, and it now flies at formal ceremonies in Kitzingen, Germany.

# Private Who Gave Life To Save Buddies Is Awarded Honor Medal

Frank Trassat, of Minersville, Pa., escaped injury.

The three were participating in an attack on a strong point of the Siegfried Line, near Palenberg, Germany, last Oct. 2, when machinegun fire from a pillbox 25 yards away pinned them, close together, on the ground. The Germans threw hand grenades, one of which dropped between Private Kiner and his two comrades.

Pvt. Harold G. Kiner, 21-year-old Infantryman from Enid, Okla., has been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the War Department announced Tuesday.

Private Kiner hurled himself on the grenade which had been thrown into a position where he and two other Doughboys of Co. F, 117th Regt., 30th Infantry Division, were avoiding enemy machinegun fire. The others, T/Sgt. Jesse L. Leonard, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Pvt.

on April 14, 1924, Private Kiner attended rural school and later engaged in farm work. He was married and his widow, Mrs. Emily Edith Kiner, lives with his mother, Mrs. Elsie Pauline Kiner, at Enid.

The Medal will be presented to his widow.

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# New Manpower Use Order Covers All Ranks In 1 Policy

WASHINGTON.—New instructions designed to effect maximum use of the manpower available to the Army have been issued by the War Department.

The new order, WD Circular No. 196, for the first time places procedures designed to make most effective use of both officers and enlisted men in a single document. It rescinds two basic orders—one governing officers' assignments and the other prescribing rules for most effective use of enlisted personnel—and four amendments to those orders.

"It is the policy of the War Department," the new order states, "to fill all operating jobs in zone of interior installations with returnees, civilian personnel, personnel physically disqualified for overseas serv-

ice, female personnel, and those specifically exempt, thereby releasing qualified personnel for overseas service."

The circular repeats the former basic policy that to discharge individuals "who can render effective service is prohibited" but "retention of individuals unable to perform a reasonable day's work for the Army is wasteful."

Each of the three forces, Air, Ground and Service, is instructed to make best use of its own physically handicapped personnel. However, enlisted men of the Army Ground Forces and Army Air Forces who cannot be used in any unit or installation of such force by reason of physical condition, but who are considered capable of serving elsewhere, will be reported to the Adjutant General for reassignment.

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# Loses Life Leading Assault On Leyte; Is Awarded Honor Medal

**WASHINGTON.** — Pfc. George Benjamin, Jr., New Jersey infantryman who gave his life Dec. 21 when he led an assault which caused the destruction of strong Jap positions on Leyte, has been posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the War Department announced Thursday.

Charging into the enemy position with a pistol as his only weapon, Private Benjamin destroyed a machine-gun nest and in turn was fatally wounded. Dying, he gasped out a description of the enemy fire positions to a battalion intelligence officer and on that information a successful battalion attack was made.

The medal will be presented to his widow, Mrs. Mary Ethel Benjamin, Carneys Point, N. J.

Private Benjamin was a radio operator in the 306th Regiment of the 77th (Statue of Liberty) Infantry Division. The action, which occurred near the Tagbong River on Leyte, was in the initial invasion of the Philippine Islands.

Born in Philadelphia, April 24, 1918, Private Benjamin grew up in Woodbury, N. J.

The father of two children, Private Benjamin was fighting in the Marianas campaign last August

when his second son, Christopher Wayne, was born. His other son is Steven M. Benjamin, born before his father entered the Army in Aug., 1943.

A veteran of the fighting at

Guam, Private Benjamin was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for exemplary conduct in action against the enemy. He entered the action on Leyte last Nov. 23.

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## Post War Group Will Urge Peace Training

**WASHINGTON.** — The House probably will receive a recommendation from its Post-War Military Policy Committee late this week that it proceed without delay to enact legislation providing for peacetime compulsory military training.

A tentative report favoring in principle such training is before the committee's members for study, and the group met Thursday, July 7, to act upon it.

The report was drafted following publication of 614 pages of testimony for and against peace training taken by the committee last month during more than two weeks of public hearings.

The Post-War Committee is not

a legislative committee. Actual drafting of a peace training law will be undertaken by the Military Affairs Committee of the House and Senate. The House Committee, seven of whose 25 members are also members of the Post-War Committee, is expected to begin work on the measure this fall, and probably will report a bill to the House.

Fate of such a measure in the House as a whole and in the Senate is very uncertain.

### Riley Was Overseas For Wac, She Tells Ike, Who Chuckles

**FORT RILEY, Kans.** — Sgt. Mary Hill of Post Headquarters Wac Detachment No. 1, wanted very much to shake hands with General Eisenhower when he was in Abilene, but for a while it didn't look as if she would get a chance.

Then came time for the general to shake hands with all of the overseas men present at the celebration. Sergeant Hill sighed. If only she had been overseas.

Somebody on the stand where the general stood shouted, "Hey, get that Wac up here" and a path was cleared for the Eagle Creek, Ore., Wac and she hurried breathlessly up the steps. The general offered her his hand and asked, "Where were you overseas, sergeant?" Sergeant Hill gulped and said, "Fort Riley, Kans., sir!" The general laughed heartily and said "Good luck to you, sergeant!"

The paintings consisted of a series of religious subjects, former altar pieces and decorations in Munich churches. Included was a painting signed by Vincent Van Gogh, French impressionistic master.

The historic collection of paintings and books was sent to Kirchdorf May 10, 1943, by Cardinal Faulhaber, anti-Nazi prelate, to keep it safe from Allied bombings.

### Had Busy 5 Months

**WITH U. S. FORCES, in Belgium.** — The ancient inland port of Ghent, Belgium, handled 1,000,000 tons of war supplies and food for the people of Belgium and Holland from its opening on Jan. 23 until June 15, less than five months. Channel Base Section announced.

## Army Ground Forces News

### HEADQUARTERS, A R M Y G R O U N D F O R C E S .

Promoted from the rank of colonel is Brig. Gen. Harvey Edward, Quartermaster Corps, who is Ground Quartermaster under Gen. Jacob L. Devers, new commanding general of AGF. General Edward is a veteran of service in the C-B-I Theater, first in the theater Quartermaster Service and then as theater Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4. He also has had duty in the Office of the Quartermaster General, and has had command of Quartermaster Service of the 7th Infantry Division, III Corps and 2nd Army.

Also promoted here recently was Col. Willard S. Renshaw, General Staff Corps. Colonel Renshaw, member of the Ground G-1 Section, is a graduate of the Infantry School and the Command and General Staff School.

Newly assigned here for permanent duty are Lt. Col. Claude L. Crawford, Infantry, Ground G-3 Section; Lt. Col. Samuel S. Gregory, Jr., CAC, and Lt. Col. Robert E. Huneycutt, FA, Ground Requirements Section.

**HEADQUARTERS, FIELD ARTILLERY SCHOOL.** — The first United States Marine Corps enlisted men to study here in this war—10 from Camp Lejeune, N. C., are enrolled in the Enlisted Sound

Ranging Course of the Department of Observation.

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED CENTER.** — Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, one of the most



—7th A. D. Photo

**BRIG. GEN. BRUCE C. CLARKE,** who made an enviable record with the 7th Armored Division, has taken command of the 4th Armored Division, with which he served before joining the 7th as commander of Combat Command "B." It was while General Clarke commanded CC "B" that the 7th made its historic stand at St. Vith, Belgium, during the German winter offensive.

famous and picturesque commanders of the British Army, was the guest of Maj. Gen. C. L. Scott, Commanding General, on a three-day inspection tour.

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED SCHOOL.** — Col. Thomas E. Winstead, Director of Armored Officer Candidate School and Commanding Officer of the Training Group, has left Fort Knox for an assignment overseas. He was succeeded by Col. Haydon Y. Grubbe as director of OCS and by Col. Thomas A. Northam as Training Group Commander.

Eighty-three candidates were commissioned second lieutenants upon graduation from Armored Officer Candidate School in the 76th Class. Col. Rothwell H. Brown, director of the Tank Department, was the graduation speaker.

**HEADQUARTERS, ARMORED REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER.** — Lt. Col. W. L. Strickland has been assigned as S-1 of the ARTC, replacing Lt. Col. Carl F. Swanland, who has left the center for a new assignment. Col. Strickland served as Adjutant of the 1st Armored Regiment from 1940 to 1943, after which he was appointed G-1 of the 1st Armored Division. He fought with the 1st Armored Division through the North African and Italian campaigns, remaining in Italy until the division reached the Arno River.

division sent out 51,970 parcels weighing 520,000 pounds, while there were 390,900 parcels received having a total weight of 1,500,000 pounds. The Directory Mail section handled 1,500,000 pieces of mail.

### Severino Spurns Vino

**WITH THE 12TH ARMORED DIVISION, 7th Army, in Germany.** — Thrift is an important item in the life of the 7th Armored Division soldier. In 10 months since hitting the Normandy beaches, the men of the 7th sent home money orders totalling \$1,883,147.40, Capt. Robert E. Garhart, division postal officer, announced.

Captain Garhart, a former postal clerk at Sharon, Pa., said stamp sales amounted to \$142,265.37.

The division sent out 5,838,000 pieces of first-class mail having an aggregate total weight of 116,670 pounds while in turn the division received 6,750,000 pieces of first-class mail totalling 135,000 pounds.

## Shelby On Its Toes Hastening Readying Of Redeployment Units

**CAMP SHELBY, Miss.** — There will be no waste of time drawing supplies for the 95th Division and some 30 smaller units when they arrive here for redeployment training.

Announcing the plans, Col. Ulric N. James, director of supply, says the troops will find beds in their huts, vehicles in their motor

pools, training equipment stacked in their warehouses, and in some instances even cooked meals in their mess halls.

While usually units go to warehouses to pick up their needs, this time things are different. Supplies of every conceivable kind are being put in areas where organizations will use them. Here is the situation unit commanders and supply officers will find when they detrain at Shelby:

Enlisted men's barracks bags will be arranged alphabetically in a warehouse. No problem for the unit. Each soldier can walk up to the door, say his name and walk away with his luggage.

In the area the unit will occupy, sheets, pillow cases and blankets are stacked ready for issue. Mattresses, pillows and beds are already in huts.

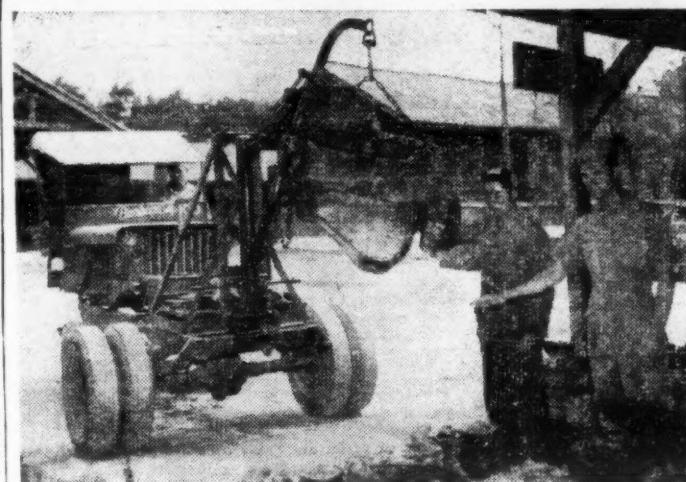
In the mess hall, mess equipment, just inspected and ready for service, and one day's rations will await cooks. If the unit gets in right at meal time, Colonel James says there will probably be a cooked meal.

### Special Retirements For Wing COs Ended

**WASHINGTON.** — Legislation ending special retirement privileges for wing commanders of the Air Corps has been approved by President Truman.

Suspension of right of wing commanders to retire in highest rank held was asked by the Army, which pointed out that at time of enactment of the original law wings were the largest units of the air component, but now are exceeded in size by air forces.

Congress voted to eliminate the special benefits instead of merely suspending them.



—Signal Corps Photo

**THE "DOODLE BUG"** is a handy machine invented by T/Sgt. Keith W. Turner, who points at it with pride. Combining the best features of a jeep and mobile crane the machine is used at the Army's Reconditioning plant in Southwest China.

## Munich U. Literary Gems Found By 14th Armd. Div.

**WITH THE 14TH ARMORED DIVISION, 3d ARMY, Germany.** — The irreplaceable, multi-million-dollar library of rare books of the University of Munich was found hidden in a tiny, 200-population farming village 20 miles east of Munich by men of this division.

With the books were found several score paintings from Munich cathedrals, valued at close to a million dollars.

The books and paintings were in the only two fair-sized buildings in town—the priest's house and the schoolmaster's house—and were heavily crated and boxed.

### Red Cross Provides 4 Million Garments To Italian Civilians

**WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.** — Allied aid to Italy has included more than 9 million dollars' worth of American Red Cross clothing, more than 4 million garments, most of them made by American women, it is announced by Brig. Gen. Edgar Erskine Hume, Senior Civil Affairs Officer of AMG, 5th Army.

During the cold winter months in the Apennines, more than one million garments were distributed in the communities along the 5th Army front and in the provinces of Allied Commission Region VIII.

Clothing assigned to the AMG by the Civilian War Relief Division of the American Red Cross has been earmarked especially for those Italian civilians who have suffered the heaviest loss as a result of the destruction by war. This distribution includes refugees, orphans, hospitals and homes for the aged.

### Colonel Renth Joins Staff At Waco Field

**WACO, Tex.** — Col. Robert L. Renth, whose military career dates back to 1909 and is peppered with many foreign tours of duty, joined the staff of the AAF Central Instructors School at the headquarters post at Waco Army Air Field recently, as executive officer.

Regular Army infantry lieutenant colonel, Colonel Renth was formerly executive officer at Blackland Army Air Field, Waco, from Sept. 13, 1943, to May 13, 1944. He comes to CIS from Eagle Pass.

### Leaves After 18 Years

**MITCHEL FIELD, N. Y.** — After serving 18 years here, Maj. F. J. Billker has left Mitchel for a new assignment. He has been in the Army 31 years.



—Signal Corps Photo

**MECCA FOR TOURISTS** is Herman Goering's bomb-blasted home at Berchtesgaden, and American soldiers, going there on regular tours for men of the Allied nations, use up a lot of film for snaps to send home.

## Japs Not So Dumb, Steal Grenades From Booby Trap

WITH THE 38TH INFANTRY DIVISION, on Luzon.—Cpl. Leland Metheny, of Ft. Wayne, Ind., thought he had a way figured out to surprise a group of Nips who nightly attempted to infiltrate into his field artillery battery's perimeter in an effort to blow up the howitzers during the 38th Division's battles in the rugged hills northeast of Manila.

About 40 feet in front of his perimeter foxhole, a lone tree was the only vegetation within shooting distance. Strange noises coming from that direction at night convinced him that Japs were lurking there. So one night Metheny tied five grenades in a cluster, fastened them to the tree and led a wire which had been fastened to the pin of one of the grenades back to his foxhole. The theory was that he'd

jerk the wire at the first evidence of Japs, pulling the pin on the one grenade and detonating all of them.

It worked the first night according to plan. Metheny heard a rustling, jerked the wire and the grenades exploded. In the morning, however, all traces of Jap trespassers had been removed. The following night, he again set up his booby trap, and again a suspicious noise caused him to jerk the wire. But this time someone or something jerked the wire back, almost pulling him out of his foxhole. He jerked again, and again a return jerk. The third time he gave a mighty tug and the wire came completely free.

In the morning the puzzled corporal investigated—and found two of the five grenades missing!

## Nazis Torture Russian Girls Who Prayed At Yanks' Graves

WITH THE 84TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—Three Russian girls were sterilized and imprisoned for planting flowers on the graves of eight American airmen.

Recently freed, the girls told their story to members of Co. M, 335th Regt.

The American fliers had been shot down near Ottenburger, Germany, last January. They were given no burial and their bodies were dumped into a common grave.

The three girls, who had been brought from Russia as slave laborers, planted flowers on the grave and were caught by the Gestapo saying prayers for the dead Americans.

As punishment they were sterilized and given six weeks of solitary confinement.

When the 335th took over the town they procured the dog tags of the dead fliers from the local burgomaster, who also told them the order in which the bodies were in the grave. The Railsplitters dug separate graves for each American.

**BATTLE COMPANIONS** who fight side by side, this Chinese soldier and the mule which carries supplies and equipment over almost-impassable jungle trails are both fed and supplied by air-dropping planes of the 10th Air Force Eastern Air Command. Allied ground troops driving Japanese out of Burma advance so quickly they must depend on supply by air.

## YANK NON-COMS TAKE BIG-SHOT NAZI, GET LOW-DOWN ON DEFEAT

HEADQUARTERS, ETO.—Bursting into tears, the old woman pulled back a rug, opened a trap door, and there sat the German general. He was very, very much surprised.

But the reactions of Sgt. Ralph W. Schreiner, 29th Infantryman, from Flushing, N. Y., and Cpl. Bernard Young, Syracuse, N. Y., were quite different. Working on a tip from local police, they had tracked Nazi Lt. Gen. Fritz Beuchs to a farmhouse near Iserlohn.

Even in the civilian clothes he had on when captured, the general could not hide his profession. He was erect, shaven-headed, solid

bodied, with a monocle in his eye.

He was not unwilling to talk, and gave out with the following opinions to the two non-coms:

"Germany lost the war at Stalin-

grad."

"The whole Russian campaign

was conducted in an idiotic manner by German politicians—not the military.

"The turning point on the western front was the breakthrough at Avranches, France."

"Strategic allied bombing crushed German civilian morale."

"Germany, as in the last war, can win the peace."

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states.

Subsequent promotions to higher grades may be given men who presumably would have been promoted more than one grade. Men must demonstrate fitness for the higher grade before being promoted more than one step.

## Hauls 9 Million Tons

WITH THE U. S. FORCES, in Germany.—The 718th Railway Operating Battalion, sponsored by the New York Central Railroad, hauled more than 9,000,000 tons of war supplies to and from the front lines between last August and V-E

# Demolish Historic Fortress, And Use Ruins For Building Airstrips

ILOILO, Panay, Philippine Islands.—Filipinos who live along Iloilo waterfront and on the shores of neighboring Guimaras island are seeing the last of historic Fort San Pedro.

Although its final role in war may appear somewhat ironical, Fort San Pedro, its usefulness outmoded by instruments of modern warfare, is being dismantled to expedite the campaign against Japan.

Army engineers are wrecking the ancient fortress, which has guarded Iloilo harbor for some 200 years, to provide stone for construction of airstrips, highways and bridges.

Steam-shovel operators, demolition experts and other technicians of the 239th Engineer Battalion and truck drivers of the 40th Infantry Division's quartermaster company work 16 hours daily to demolish the stone walls and haul the ruins away.

### 18th Century Relic

Erected by the Spanish in the 18th century, the old fort covers an area of approximately 30,000 square feet at the main entrance of Iloilo harbor, facing Guimaras island one mile across the strait.

The Spanish chose this spot as the best strategic location to defend

Iloilo from attack by the sea.

To reach the city by water, ships of any size must sail from the west through the deep channel between Guimaras and Panay. Shallow water prevents larger vessels from using the eastern approach.

The walls, connected on a pattern similar to that used by pioneers to design wooden forts during Indian wars, are 10 feet thick and 8 feet high.

The sandstone must have been hauled by barges from Guimaras, as the engineers had been unable to find any on Panay rock of a similar type.

Soldiers of four nations have occupied Fort San Pedro since Spanish and Filipino masons fastened the last brick.

Old-timers say Filipino revolu-

tionists succeeded the Spanish before Americans arrived at the turn of the century.

During the era of peace, 1900 to 1942, the garrison was used by the constabulary of the Commonwealth government.

In May, 1942, the Japanese moved in, used the fort temporarily to detain both civilian and war prisoners.

Last shot fired from Fort San Pedro came from Japanese artillery. Japanese gunners fired at a small American gunboat which crept into Iloilo strait 18 hours before the 40th Infantry Division captured the provincial capital.

American doughboys found the fort deserted. Japanese troops had withdrawn from Iloilo for the high country in central Panay.

## Asks Furloughs For Men After Persian Gulf Heat

WASHINGTON.—Suggestion that soldiers who have served in the Persian Gulf area since the beginning of operations there "be given some preference under the furlough program" was made in the House late last week by Rep. Bates (R., Mass.).

He called attention to the extremely high temperatures and said it was possible to live only because

of the comparatively cool nights.

"According to official temperatures for Ahwaz, Iran, from May 1 to Sept. 6, 1944," Mr. Bates said, "the mercury failed to climb above 100 only five times."

"The high temperature was on Aug. 23, when the mercury soared to 168 degrees. For 103 days in a row the high was above 100."

## MEDICS IDENTIFYING "DEAD" GI FIND HE'S A "SLEEPING BEAUTY"

WITH THE 42D INFANTRY (RAINBOW) DIVISION, 7TH ARMY, Germany.—When S/Sgt. Harry E. Cooper of Concord, N. C., arrives home by courtesy of his 103 points amassed in campaigns dating back to Africa, there is one incident he will have a difficult time proving to his buddies back home.

This happened near Bitche, France, when E Company was attacking the Siegfried Line during the drive of the 242d Infantry Regiment. Enemy artillery firing point blank caused them all to drop to the ground for protection. For several hours this continued keeping everyone pinned down. When the barrage finally subsided, E Company had sustained a number of casualties.

Soon the Medics began the task of counting the dead and caring for the wounded. Coming upon one lifeless body whose hands gripped the remains of a one-time rifle, the medic reached down to look at the dogtags to identify the dead person. Suddenly the dead came to life.

## Smokies Beat Ardmore Staging 21-Hit Attack

SMOKY HILL FIELD, Kans.—The Smokies staged a 21-hit attack on Ardmore to defeat the Ardmore AAF Bombers in the eleventh inning after the Bombers had tied it up in the last of the ninth. Final score was 13 to 10.

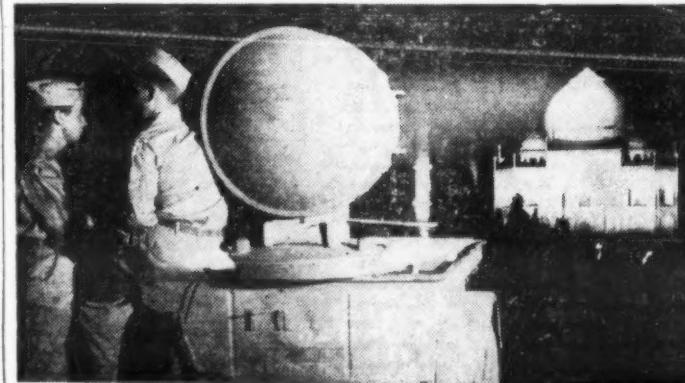
Eyes opened and body moved, a sleepy Sgt. Cooper saw the astonished faces of two medics above him.

Cooper had fallen into a deep sleep during the barrage and one of the enemy shell fragments had ripped his rifle in two, while he, himself, had remained untouched. However, his appearance on the ground had deceived the medics who had mistaken him for dead.

## 657th Port Company Performed Much Of Its Job Under Fire

WITH U. S. FORCES, in France.—One of the oldest Transportation Corps units of the Army, the 657th Port Company, is aiding in the redeployment of troops to the United States at a staging area near Le Havre.

Organized early in 1942, the 657th was first sent to Excursion Inlet in the southern part of Alaska to aid in the construction work of the Alcan highway until January, 1944. After a few months in the United States, the men left for England for a brief stay, and a few days after D-Day landed in France where they unloaded supplies from boats to Omaha Beach. When the Port of Cherbourg was opened to Allied shipping, the men of the 657th worked on the docks handling incoming war supplies until the cessation of hostilities. They have carried out their work under enemy artillery fire and strafing and bombing.



LIGHTED TAJ MAHAL, resplendent in celebration of the victory in Europe, is the beautiful sight which greeted S/Sgts. Leo B. Madden and Ronald Bentley as they arrived at Agra, India, to attend the All-India Swim Meet.

## Jap Bullet Cracks Helmet, And Helmet Steel Cracks Yank

BUSHNELL GENERAL HOSPITAL, Brigham City, Utah.—The Jap rifleman who drew a bead on the buddy of Pfc. Robert L. Ball, now a patient at Bushnell, during the fighting on Leyte island scored a hit that belongs in the books.

Private Ball, 19-year-old automatic rifleman, was wounded by that shot—fired at his companion.

The Jap bullet hit the center of his buddy's helmet. The steel char-pee deflected the bullet, so it sped out the side of his helmet, causing only slight flesh wounds to the soldier.

Fragment of the helmet torn loose by the impact of the bullet, buried into Ball's shoulder.

"Guess I'm the only guy ever wounded by his buddy's helmet," Ball says.

Ball is now a patient at Bushnell General Hospital for treatment of subsequent wounds caused by a Jap grenade during later fighting on Leyte. He is from Berkeley, Calif.

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# Only Natives Found On Okinawa Either 'Too Young Or Too Old'

WASHINGTON.—Despite the demands of great battles such as those fought by the 96th Division on Okinawa the men of that battle-toughened outfit still found time to exercise their American sense of curiosity in finding out all they could about the enemy island and its people.

Writing from that island Lt. Col. W. D. Griffith describes Okinawa as "far different from anything we have encountered in the Pacific. It has a rolling terrain throughout and a much cooler climate. Almost exclusively farming country, all types of vegetables are grown—but we miss the coconut trees."

According to Colonel Griffith, the people are very backward in their agricultural work. Farms are operated on the one-family basis and by hand. "While the natives of Leyte defecated anywhere, these natives have toilets, but carry all the excreta away and use it as fertilizer. So it is about as unsanitary and disease provoking." One small agricultural college is the only sign of rural progress.

#### Chinese Were First

The Chinese first took an interest in the island about 650 A. D. In 1879, Japan took over and made the Nansey or local "son of heaven" a non-imperial prince of Japan and the Loochoo Islands became Jap territory. "The Japs so mixed themselves into the breed that the natives all resemble Japs to me," reports Colonel Griffith. "We are really in Japan now, but about as near to our goal as they would have been if they had taken Alaska, all things considered."

Although Naha, the capital and only city, had fairly good buildings and some signs of civilization, such as a street railway, the roads throughout the island were narrow and Army engineers had to practically re-make the island.

Rural buildings are straw-covered flimsy wooden structures. Partitions, if any, are paper. Doors and windows slide on tracks. There are no provisions for heat and Colonel Griffith doesn't see how the Japs kept warm as he used one and two blankets.

#### Too Young, Too Old

All of the natives on the island are either children or old people. This is believed due to the Jap policy of taking all able-bodied men and women for slave labor in Japan with the exception of choice girls kept and carried back with them as companions for the soldiers.

"These natives care far better for their dead than they do for the

## Care Of Nazis Is Serious Problem For Yank Medics

WITH THE 8TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Europe.—The "cease fire" in Germany meant an end to 10 months of combat service for medics of the 8th Infantry Division, but it also marked the beginning of a new medical problem. Lt. Col. Robert E. Daniels, 8th Infantry Division surgeon, found that his department had acquired responsibility for the following:

1. Some 15,000 German battle casualties in 26 military hospitals.
2. Medical and sanitary supervision of more than 200,000 prisoners of war in the division area.
3. Sanitary control, medical care and prevention of disease among many thousands of displaced persons.
4. The functioning of five civilian hospitals in the area of Schweinfurt, Germany.

#### Slated For Pacific

PARIS.—The 28th and 30th Infantry Divisions will leave Europe in July as the first stage of redeployment to the Pacific, Supreme Headquarters stated June 28.

living. There are no cemeteries. Instead, a hole is dug into a hill, a tomb constructed just big enough to house the body and an entrance just big enough to shove it in," reports the colonel. "A stone fence is built around a small courtyard the size of our cemetery lots and in front of the tomb. The body is sealed in the tomb with Shinto ceremonies. Three years later, probationary period, I guess, the tombs are opened, more ceremonies, and

what is left is put in an urn, the elaborateness of which portrays the honorable importance."

Although Colonel Griffith reports that the people are as well satisfied under the U. S. Army as under the Japs the soldiers are unable to get laundry service. The natives wet the clothes, soap them a little, swish and trample by foot power until the natives' feet are clean and the clothes correspondingly dirtier.



American Red Cross Photo

LIBERATED FROM PRISON after 160 days at the Nazi hellish Bad Orb camp, Pfc. James Matthews and Pfc. David Wares happily welcome "Release Kits" given them by an American Red Cross worker as they return to France.

## First Engineer Special Brigade Getting Action In All Theatres

WASHINGTON.—The First Engineer Special Brigade, shipped to the Pacific from Europe through the United States last February, now ranks as one of the first Army units to see combat action in the Mediterranean, European and Pacific theaters. The unit was among the first to land on Okinawa, April 1, and was in charge of beach supply operations there.

Speed has been a characteristic of the 1st Brigade from its earliest days.

Within one month following its activation under the former Engineer Amphibian Command at Camp Edwards, Mass., June 27, 1942, it was on the high seas. After the Oran landings, the 1st was converted from an amphibian to a shore engineer unit.

Next on the 1st Brigade program came the moving of the 7th Army across the beaches at Gela, Sicily. It was there that the American Army first demonstrated that a major invasion could be made without the aid of captured port facil-

ties. About two months later the Brigade was attached to the 5th Army for the work at Salerno. Then came the Normandy landings.

Army Engineers now have several Engineer brigades in the Pacific. The 2d and 3d Special Brigades have been carrying out shore-to-shore combat landings in the Philippines, splitting and isolating Japanese garrisons.

#### Orientation Program Explained At Warren

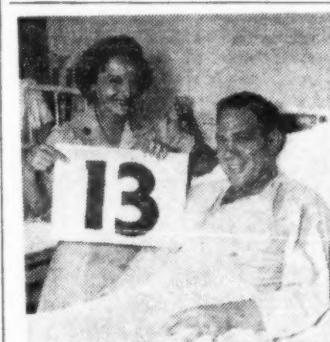
FT. WARREN, Wyo. — Officers and non-commissioned officers from every company and detachment at Ft. Warren attended a two-day orientation training school last week, conducted June 26 and 27 at the Boy Scout lodge by Lieutenants Rich and O'Keefe and Cpl. Tom Bloom of the Information and Education division, Washington, D. C.

Approximately 150 attended the two-day discussion meetings, during which the new 34-hour troop orientation program recently designed by the I. & E. division at the request of military training division, ASF, was explained. The new program provides for orientation of every type of troops from recruits to overseas returnees. It hinges upon weekly discussion hours among platoon-size groups, during which Ft. Warren troops will have the opportunity to swap their own ideas on everything from the Russians to what makes the not-so-honorable Jap tick.

#### Predicts 4 Million GI Homes In 4 Years

NEW YORK.—Francis X. Pavich, chief of the Veterans Administration Loan Guaranty Division, told a council of homebuilders last week that by 1950 approximately 4,000,000 veterans of World War II will acquire homes under the loan provisions of the GI Bill of Rights.

Pavich also told the House-builders Council of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut that veterans will account for nearly one-third of the home purchases in the nation after the war.



Army Photo

IT'S 13 ALL THE WAY for 1st/Sgt. Jesse E. Eudy, at Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Ga. Born July 13, went overseas May 13, 1944; was away 13 months; slept in bunk 13 on hospital ship; got back June 13 last, and is in bed No. 13 at Finney. However, he's in ward B-9, and suggests to Wac Pvt. Jackie Tenant he should be in ward B-13.

## Air Can End Defenses In Week In Next War

WASHINGTON.—An Army Air Forces general, whose name was withheld by War Department orders,

told reporters here late last week that the next war may begin with an air attack which "may destroy in a week, or even a day, the means of maintaining a defense or continuing a fight," unless it can be properly met.

The officer said that no one has been able to suggest any system other than peacetime universal training to meet requirements for

national defense.

To this must be coupled an effective plan for industrial mobilization and continuous research in the field of war weapons.

The Pearl Harbor catastrophe might never have occurred had a universal military training program been in effect, the officer stated.

An effective air force, he continued, must possess immediate striking power and be capable of rapid expansion from peace to war strength. The latter requisite requires trained reserves.

## Use Hospital Fund To Simplify Feeding Of Patients On Trains

WASHINGTON.—To provide more simple methods of financing and procuring subsistence for patients and attendants traveling on trains in groups, the War Department has established a system of terminal subsistence accounts and terminal hospital funds, financed by loans or grants from the central hospital fund.

The central hospital fund is composed of the excess over cost of subsistence charged to officers and similar patients, and has been used for recreation and other purposes.

Less complicated accounting procedures are possible in handling nonappropriated funds of this type than is the case with appropriated funds. The loans are repaid by collections from paying patients and attendants for meals served and by transfers from subsistence appropriations for cost of meals served nonpaying patients and attendants.

## Volunteer Committee Organized To Assist Japanese-Americans

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, Italy.—

A special Soldier Service Committee to assist Japanese-American soldiers in resettling when they return to the United States has been formed by officers of the 442d Japanese-American Infantry Regiment and has already assisted 364 soldiers.

The idea originated with 1st Lt. William M. Wolfe, a private investigator in civilian life, who was impressed by the fact that most soldiers of Japanese descent from

the United States have no home, jobs, nor businesses to which to return after their honorable discharge from the armed forces.

The aim of the committee is to assist the Japanese-American soldiers to reestablish themselves by letters of introduction and recommendation to various business contacts in the United States and by information on housing, employment, or business opportunities in various locations in the United States.

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## Sign Gov. Clerks' Pay Bill; Veterans' Credit Provided

WASHINGTON.—President Truman has approved legislation carrying more than \$700,000,000 in basic pay and overtime pay increases for civilian employees of the federal government.

The amount of the increase is based on a 48-hour week. Should hours be reduced to 44 a week, annual cost will be about \$144,000,000 less.

The act contains a provision giving

honorable discharged service personnel entitled to reemployment in the federal government right to credit period of military or merchant marine service for within-grade salary advancements. It also is provided that within-grade pay increases may be given even though there is no efficiency rating or certificate of satisfactory conduct on record with respect to the veteran's former civilian position.

## Here's News That Spells Death For Jap Industry

WASHINGTON.—Chemical Warfare Service is scheduled to supply approximately 150,000,000 incendiary bombs during the ensuing 12 months for use against Japanese industrial centers, War Department announces.

This means that CWS, which furnished nearly 160,000 tons of fire bombs for all theaters in the last six months, will double that production in the next six months, and almost triple it for the first half of 1946.

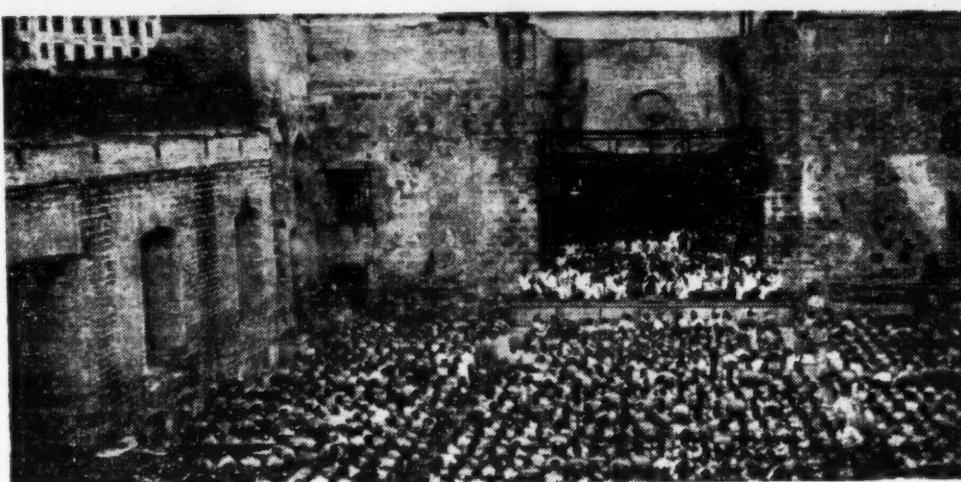
In tonnage, the number of CWS incendiary bombs booked for Japan next year amounts to nearly 850,000 tons. This is about 80 per cent of the tonnage of all kinds of air bombs (high explosive included) used by the Army Air Forces in all theaters last year.

Success of Chemical Mortar Battalions in all theaters has resulted in a demand for more of these supporting units, as well as an increase in the number of white phosphorous and high explosive shells now fired

by the famous 4.2-inch rifled chemical mortars (goon guns) in amphibious as well as land operations. Present production of shells for this mortar is 25 per cent over that of a corresponding period of last year. New mortar battalions are scheduled for activation as rapidly as possible.

Portable and tank-mounted flamethrowers and a new "hose-line" flamethrower—used to root out Japs from holed-in positions—will be produced in increased quantities.

There is also a continuing demand for smoke-producing apparatus and the specialized CWS troops which use it in protecting troop movements.



—Signal Corps Photo

**REBIRTH OF CULTURE** in the Philippines is symbolized by the Manila Symphony Orchestra at a concert in the ruins of the Santa Cruz Church, the first since the organization was disbanded after the Japs occupied the city. The orchestra, which includes many of its prewar members and a few American soldier-musicians, gave two free concerts, its audiences of approximately 1500 consisting mostly of Americans.

## Century Division Expedites Task Getting Conquered Back To Job

WITH THE 100TH DIVISION OF THE 7TH ARMY, in Germany.—German soldiers, who two months ago were waging war in Nazi Germany, are now streaming out onto the roads toward home.

Setting them on their way are the Americans who battled them all the way from the French coasts to the heart of the Reich.

In this ironic situation—in which

discharge points do not figure, and the victors free the conquered—American discharge teams are governed by the Allied policy of establishing an economic-healthy Germany as soon as possible. To accomplish this, workers in key civilian occupations are needed immediately—miners, farmers, transportation workers, and lumbermen—and these are called first from immense PW cages.

Probably as quickly established, and as thorough as any U. S. Discharging Center in the ETO, is the 100th Division's set up in the outskirts of Ulm, much-bombed city in southwest Germany.

At the beginning of June, a Century Division discharge team of three officers, under Maj. Dorris B. O'Dell and two soldiers, drove into the sprawling cage and found some 55,000 Germans awaiting them.

### Handles 2000 Daily

Major O'Dell had virtually no personnel, materials, or even precedent for beginning the undertaking, yet by the end of the first week there, his unit was hitting a peak of 2000 prisoners discharged per day.

As seen now a compound of 50 Germans claiming experience in the key occupations moves before the interviewer for a security examination to prevent the release of war criminals, SS men, and party officers. Preliminary papers are filled out and these prepared in final form by typists. When the men up for

release satisfy requirements, they move through the final discharging battery.

German doctors make the final examination, and a U. S. doctor signs for the man's health. Fingerprints are made on discharge papers and physical identifying marks are made. Money, requisitioned from nearby German bank, is paid out, marks to enlisted men, 30 to each officer.

On the way through, American personnel observe for discrepancies T/5 K. D. Hopf and Pfc. Max Eich, both German-speaking and familiar with the German language in general, spot such things as an occasional SS mark and those German discharge applicants who are not of the industries.

When the process is completed, copy of each discharge is filed in the German-made cabinet in center, the dischargees assemble for release, and trucks take them to the largest city of their counties, where burgomeisters there are given copies of the discharge certificates. Men living within a 50-mile radius are welcome.

In the entire operation, an infinitesimal amount of American personnel and materials are used. Food is supplied by the dump which collects all German military food. The Germans supply 150 men for maintaining the center—and eager to do it.

## Forgets Soldier's Medal Award Two Years, Gives Him His 'Cu

BACOLOD, Negros, Philippine Islands.—With three campaigns—New Britain and Luxon and the Visayas in the Philippines—under his belt, Sgt. Clifford Scott, of Hollywood, Calif., was still on the short end with only 80 demobilization points.

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vision special service worker who notified that a Soldier's Medal, made two years before he was completely forgotten in the store of battle, was chalked up to him, giving him the needed 100 marks to up his critical score to 100.

Scott earned the medal April 1943, when he rescued from drowning a companion swept off shore in an undertow in Hawaii.



**BALLET TO JITTERBUGGING** has been the transposition for pretty Fatima Ritchenko, formerly classic toe-artist in Russian capital theaters. When Germans overran the Ukraine, Fatima was made a prisoner, taken to Germany and became dance instructor to Nazi officers. But when the Yanks came, Fatima became an entertainer with the 417th Regt. of the 76th Infantry Division, and was taught to jitterbug by her dancing partner, Cpl. Francis Hall, of Monroe, Mich. She's doing all right with the wiggles.

## Have Houses Full Of Kiddies, But Draft Folks Call

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Reclassified from 2-A to 1-A when he left a \$24-a-week arms plant job for a \$62-a-week job driving a beer truck and failed to appeal the reclassification within the required 10 days. Clarence W. Lang, 35, father of nine children, has been notified by his draft board he's subject to induction.

If inducted, his family allowance will be \$240 a month.

### Daddy of Seven Called

LOCKPORT, N. Y.—With an Army-bound contingent is Floyd H. Bidleman, 27, father of seven children, five boys and two girls, aged 9 years to 2 months. Kiddies are grieving, but mother says: "We'll get along, somehow."

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# GIs From 21 Major Commands To Attend Civilian Schools In ETO

HEADQUARTERS, ETO.—Civilian schools in France and England are enrolling 1450 U. S. Army soldiers in July for summer courses in the initial placement of servicemen under the Army Education Program for the European Theater, it announced by Brig. Gen. Paul Thompson, Chief of Information and Education Division, ETO.

The service students temporarily will attend courses at Cambridge University, at various schools in London, and at the University of Paris, but will have access to scores of additional institutions as the program develops.

Ninety Medical Corps officers have already started post-graduate studies at the University of London Medical School and at Liverpool University in England.

## 80 Per Cent EM

Quota allotments for the courses offered in the opening phase of the program have been assigned to 21 major commands. Applicants will be selected for the various schools by their major command, with a general breakdown of 20 per cent officer and 80 per cent enlisted personnel.

Information and Education Division, ETOUSA, has suggested the following standards for use in choosing service students: Students'

## Biarritz To Have Second Of Army's ETO Universities

HEADQUARTERS, ETO.—Biarritz, France, will be the site of the second of the two Army universities to be established in the ETO, it is announced by Gen. Paul W. Thompson, Chief of the Information and Education Division.

This school, to be formally known as Army University Center No. 2, is scheduled to open early in August under the command of Brig. Gen. Samuel L. McCroskey.

The first of the two to open will be Army University Center No. 1, at Shrivenham, England. The two centers will have similar academic and faculty standards. Shrivenham center is scheduled to begin operations on July 30. Both centers are planned to have initial enrollments of 4000 students each.

## Lt. Bert Shepard Dedicated Sports Field In England

UNITED STATES STRATEGIC AIR FORCES IN EUROPE.—Lt. Bert Shepard, who lost his right leg while flying a P-38 Lightning over Germany and now is a coach with the Washington Senators, dedicated an athletic field named in his honor here July 4. This airfield in Essex is the home of the 55th fighter group, with which Shepard flew in combat.

The lieutenant, who went down while flying a P-38 with the 55th in May, 1944, was flown here from the United States to dedicate Bert Shepard athletic field, it was announced.

The former minor league southpaw pitcher and first baseman was playing manager of the station team here before his last strafing mission. The athletic field, which has since been expanded to include facilities for numerous other sports besides baseball, has been renamed in his honor.

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desires in type of courses or training; qualifications of the applicant to pursue studies desired; availability for period of absence from organization, and the desirability of the individual as a representative of the United States at a civilian institution.

## 21 Commands Get Quotas

The commands who have been given quotas are the following: Third Army; USSTAF; 15th Army; Oise Intermediate Section; WAC; Normandy Base Section; 6th Army Group; 12th Army Group; Communications Zone Headquarters; SHAEF Headquarters Troops; Ground Forces Reinforcement Com-

mand; Bremen Port Command; Berlin Command; Task Force A; Channel Base Section; Seine Base Section; Delta Base Section; United Kingdom Base Section; Assembly Area Command, and Army Nurse Corps.

The current curricula includes French language, French civilization, painting, architecture, sculpture, engraving, agronomy, music, music composition, dramatic art, library science, study of building materials, pharmacy, English literature, social sciences, economics, law and modern history. The curricula will be broadened greatly as the program develops.

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## Command Power Given Dentists By New Law

WASHINGTON.—Legislation giving Army dental officers the right

to be assigned to commands within the medical department and to exercise military authority within the department on the same basis as medical and other officers has been approved by President Truman.

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# World Hears Crack Of Bat!

## Hank's Homer Big News For Vet Players

WASHINGTON.—Hank hit a homer!

In every nook and corner of the world where servicemen are stationed and in every fan's home in America the news of that first homer was received enthusiastically.

It was a solid hit for the scores of major and minor leaguers now in service who expect to return to the diamonds after the war. It was a smash hit for the millions of fans who have been hoping that the veterans have every break in post-war baseball.

The stage setting was perfect for Big Hank's dramatic return to the game. Four years ago he left a \$55,000-a-year job to become a \$21-per Army private. Once again he is drawing that heavy sugar—but he had to produce.

Playing the Athletics before 47,729 paid fans, Greenberg flied out the first three times he was up, walked and scored in the seventh. In the eighth he teed off on the ball, and when the 375-foot homer went over the left-field wall the crowd became hysterically happy.

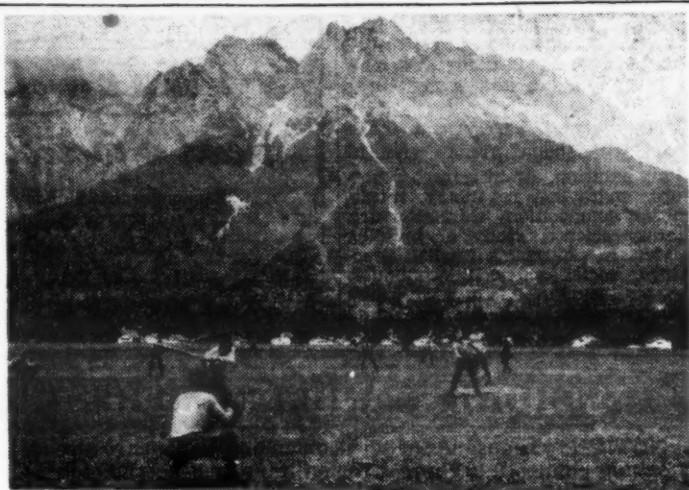
### Weekend of Upsets

Weekend games in both American and National leagues produced an unusual assortment of upsets. The double win by the Tigers, coupled with two victories by the Chi-sox over the Yankees, sent Detroit to three and a half games in front of New York. Dave Ferriss won his 12th in 14 starts when he relieved successfully against the Browns. The Nats won three of four from the Indians.

Brooklyn Dodgers increased their lead to four and a half games when they split with Pittsburgh while the Cardinals were taking two defeats from the Braves. Ben Chapman, Phillies' new manager, gave his boys a shot in the arm and they won two from the Reds. The Giants split with the Cubs.

### Giants Sign Marine

Bob Wooten, twice wounded in his four years with the Marines, has signed for a tryout at first base with the New York Giants... Maj. R. Earl Jones, for 32 months chief of Planning Section, Army Special Services, has been separated from service and has returned to A. G. Spalding & Bros., sporting goods manufacturer.... Harry Stephenson, discharged by the Army after two years' service, has signed as infielder with Rochester. . . . Bobo Newsom continues skidding, having lost 11 of 12 for the A's, but Connie Mack says the "Big Mouthpiece" is trying and will be retained. . . . Browns, in sixth place, are drawing more St. Louis fans through the turnstiles than they did occupying first place last season.



"SLUG IT OVER THE HILL, JOE!" is the rally cry of baseball playing soldiers of the 21st Tank Battalion, 10th Armored Division, who play the game at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. The "hill" in the background is Zugspitze, highest mountain in Germany.

## Thumbs Up Ran Like Grandpa To Win Santa Anita Handicap

WASHINGTON.—Running a bit

like his grandpa, Man o' War, the favored Thumbs Up took command as the field turned into the stretch and then held off all challenges to win by half a length the Santa Anita \$100,000 Added Handicap.

With Johnny Longden up, Thumbs Up was held just off the pace until the field moved into the big turn at the head of the stretch. He fairly flew to take command from Stronghold and Victory Drive. With the race well under control, he held off the bids of Texas Sandman and Gay Dalton, who finished second and third.

His time of 2.01 1-5 equaled the track record set by Seabiscuit in the 1940 race. The shortest-priced favorite since Seabiscuit, Thumbs Up paid \$4.00, \$2.90 and \$2.40 across the board.

Apache, a notorious in-and-outter, was in for the running of the Carter Handicap. He carried the top weight of 130 pounds to a head victory over Wait-a-Bit, while the favored First Fiddle was third three lengths behind.

For those among the hot, sweaty 29,000 fans at Aqueduct who thought it was Apache's day, the payoff was a healthy \$11.50, \$6.00

and \$3.20.

On the same program, Miss Drummond won one secondary feature, while Mush Mash drove home in the other.

At Delaware Park, General Don upset the experts by beating Jono, Larkmead Andy and Master Bid ran a dead heat for third in the Dover Stakes. The winner paid \$20.20.

Side Boy made every post a winning one to take the big money in the feature race at Suffolk Downs. With Pratt up he nosed out West

Fleet and Dog Day, paying \$6 win.

The Detroit Racing Association meeting at the Fair Grounds in Detroit was called off with but 12 days run in an 85-day meeting because the owners refused to enter their horses in time. The owners had been warned, according to Manager George Lewis, but refused to co-operate.

Jockey Bobby Edens is making half-mile track history this season. Five winners Saturday at Charles Town, W. Va., brought his season's total to 62.

## AAF Grid Teams Will Have National League

WASHINGTON.—Plans are now being formulated in higher headquarters for several strong grid squads to represent various Air Force commands.

Each of the four numbered Air Forces in the country will field teams as well as the Training Command, Personnel Distribution Command, and the Air Transport Command. Each team will play one game with the others of the AAF

circuit and fill their remaining dates with other service teams. The schedule will consist of not more than 13 games which must be completed by the first Saturday or Sunday of December.

Men with only one or two years experience in college circles are given a break. Eligibility rules bar any man who has had two years of service football unless he is a returnee.

The Training Command squad will be stationed at Fort Worth; 4, AAF at March Field; 3, AAF at Drew Field; 2, AAF at Colorado Springs; Personnel Distributing team at Camp Davis, N. C.

Coaches have been announced at five commands. They are:

Second Air Force (Colorado Springs, Col.); Maj. Edward L. Walker, former assistant coach at Princeton and head coach at Mississippi.

Fourth Air Force (March Field, Calif.); Lt. John W. Baker, former Sacramento Junior College coach.

Training Command (Fort Worth, Tex.); Maj. Douglas H. Fessenden, former head coach and director of athletics at the University of Montana.

Personnel Distribution Command (Camp Davis, N. C.); Capt. Ted Shipkey, former head coach and director of athletics at the University of New Mexico.

Air Transport Command (Perry Field, Tenn.); Capt. Richard H. Emerson, former Washington State College halfback.

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## Sports Stadium In Rhine Is Rededicated By Yanks

COBLENZ, Germany.—Built 25 years ago following World War I as a sports stadium for American troops of occupation; appropriated by the Germans as a recreation center, Yank soldiers on Sunday reappropriated the athletic emporium on an island in the Rhine River and dedicated it to the same purpose—a center where war cares can be forgotten.

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### Corporal Whiffs 'Em

MERCED FIELD, Calif.—Cpl. Wes Priest, ace pilot softball moundsman, is out to set a strike-out record. In his seven games, Priest has struck out 100 of the 163 men to come to bat and has given up only eight hits.

women present, a colorful review was followed by a baseball game in which the 35th Infantry Division team defeated the 106th Infantry Division by 5-2, and during play, German civilians served beer and other refreshments.

Highlight of the ceremony preceded the game when Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, commanding general of the 15th Army, presented War Department citations for battle honors to the 1st Battalion, 320th Infantry Regiment; 1st Battalion, 134th Infantry Regiment; C Company, 134th Infantry Regiment and 2d Platoon of D Company, 134th Infantry Regiment, for valor at Mortain and St. Lo and in crossing the Blies River into Germany.

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## Nelson Wins Seventh Straight Golf Crown

CHICAGO.—Byron Nelson added \$2500 and one more win to the greatest winning streak in golf history by scoring a 13-under-par 275 in the Victory National Open.

Playing like a champion, Lord Byron scored a four-under-par 68 and a 72 on the final 18 holes to beat Harold "Jug" McSpaden by seven strokes.

McSpaden fired a 68 and a 76 to drop back to a tie with Ky Laffoon, who shot a 73 and a 70 on the final round. Claude Harmon scored a total of 283 to finish one stroke behind Laffoon and McSpaden.

In winning the Victory Open, wartime successor to the National Open, Nelson made it seven consecutive victories. Not even Bobby

Jones dominated the game as completely as does the iron-shooting master from Texas.

Last year Nelson set a record by banking \$47,000, won on the greens and fairways. This record will probably go by the books, as he has already stuck \$29,000 in War Bonds in the sock.

Nelson played superlative golf over the tough 665-yard Calumet Country Club course, turning in one eagle, 17 birdies, six bogeys and the rest pars in 72 holes.

## General Is Star As Catcher, But EM Slug Out Win

WITH THE 76TH INFANTRY DIVISION, in Germany.—Heavy hitting, much scoring and the superb catching of Brig. Gen. Henry C. Evans, Division Artillery Commanding General, featured the recent softball game at the artillery field in Gera between the division artillery staff and enlisted personnel. The enlisted men had too much power for the officers and won, 16 to 10.

### 14 Teams In League

WILL ROGERS FIELD, Okla.—Squadron T Camerafailures, softball champions, will defend their crown against 14 teams in the new summer softball leagues. Schedule will be a double-round robin, with Shaughnessy playoffs for the championship.

### How They Stand

Thursday, July 5th

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
W.	L.	Pct.	GB.
Detroit	40	.606	3½
New York	37	.552	4½
Washington	35	.538	5
Boston	35	.530	5
Chicago	35	.507	6½
St. Louis	31	.484	8
Cleveland	29	.453	10
Philadelphia	21	.323	18½

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
W.	L.	Pct.	GB.
Brooklyn	42	.609	3½
Chicago	36	.563	3½
St. Louis	38	.559	3½
New York	38	.555	5½
Pittsburgh	36	.529	5½
Boston	32	.485	8½
Cincinnati	30	.469	9½
Philadelphia	20	.270	24½



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# Chute Fails To Open, Plummets 2,000 Feet, GI Lives To Tell Tale

BUSHNELL GENERAL HOSPITAL, Utah.—Sgt. Albert W. Vawter plummeted 2,000 feet to the earth when his parachute failed to open after he jumped from a smashed Flying Fortress during a bombing mission over Germany this April.

End of the story? No. Sgt. Vawter, a 36-year-old gunner, is still alive. He is now receiving medical care at Bushnell General Hospital for his multiple injuries, including the partial amputation of his right leg.

A ball turret gunner, the Arizonan was on his seventh mission, the raid April 7 on rail yards at Lune-

burg, near Hamburg, when the B-17 was crashed into by an attacking German fighter.

As the ship started its downward spiral, Vawter struggled to reach the open end of the turret, but the centrifugal force flung him back to the bottom of the plane, and away from the escape hatch.

"Finally, by inching my hand along the turret floor, I managed to grab the edge of the door," he said. Then with desperate efforts, he pushed and kicked his body until his second hand had a grip on the doorway also.

## Wiggles From Plane

Vawter then squirmed until his

head and shoulders were free of the plane. The terrific pull of wind yanked his body from the ship like the core slips out of a banana.

Sergeant Vawter took a quick look below—it seemed about 2,000 feet to the ground. He had fallen nearly three miles straight down since the ship had started its spin.

He fell free from the ship, end over end, and pulled the rip cord of the chest chute as soon as his feet were pointed downwards.

He felt elated as the silk began to stream upwards by his face, and Vawter set his body for the shock of the opened chute.

But nothing happened.

"I looked up," he said, "and the silk was just streaming straight in the air." In those few seconds he was falling, bullet-like, beneath the unopened chute, the Arizonan struggled frantically with the shroud lines, and even as he tore feet first into the earth, he still was working the lines, still looking up at the long useless silk streamer.

## Knocked Unconscious

When he hit, he was knocked unconscious, almost in the same instant. As Vawter reconstructs it, he hit feet first, and then jackknifed over, face first. He landed in a plowed field, the freshly dug rows were just cushion enough to save his life.

"I wasn't out very long," he said. "When I came to the plane was crashed about 150 yards away and burning. As I lay there in the dirt the bomb load we hadn't dropped began to explode."

Then some of the black-uniformed S. S. troops arrived. One of the officers walked around the Arizonan, "he called me 'swine' and then spit at me," Vawter said. Another officer drew a gun, and the Arizonan, so miraculously spared moments before, thought that this really was the end, waited for a final shot. But the shot never came.

Looking around him, Vawter found he had buried himself two feet deep into the earth. Although he "landed" about noon, it was 5:30 in the afternoon before the Germans moved him.

That night his leg was amputated, and on April 22, British troops rolled into Luneberg and liberated the Yank.

## Eglin Explodes And Chalks Up 21st Win In 23

EGLIN FIELD, Fla.—Held in check with a lone tally for five innings by Snyder, starting hurler for the Marianna (Fla.) Field Flyers, the Eglin Field Eagles blew the lid off the scoreboard with four runs in the sixth inning, five in the seventh and two more in the eighth frame to soundly wallop the visiting nine, 12-2. The victory was Eglin's 21st in 23 games.

## SWEATIN' IT OUT



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## Ewell, Penn State Star, Not Slowed By Army Life

NEW YORK.—Life at Camp Lee, Va., has not taken one whit of speed toll from Pvt. Barney Ewell, one-time sprint star of Penn State.

In winning the 100-meter dash at the National AAU track and field championships Saturday, Private Ewell was recorded at 0:10.3, equaling his own pre-war meet record, matching Eddie Toland's Olympic record and being but one-tenth of a second off the world record.

Ewell, who as Henry Norwood Ewell won three championships for Penn State in each of the LC-4 A. outdoor championships of 1941 and 1942, catapulted from his marks with such speed that Perry Samuels, graduate of a month from Jefferson High in San Antonio, Tex., never was able to catch up.

## Women Play Softball Game In 33 Minutes

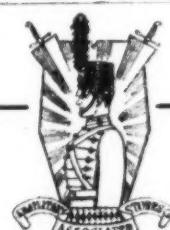
KEESLER FIELD, Miss.—One of the shortest softball games on record went down in Keesler Field's books when the contest between the AAP Training Command station's Wacs and the Brookley Field civilian girls was actually completed in 33 minutes from opening pitch to the last out. The game, played in Mobile, Ala., went to the Brookley Field girls, 1-0.

## TACTICS OF TWO WARS

Back in '17 the frontal attack was "the" thing—today's tactics are unique and different involving even a new fighting unit—the "Para-troops." Associated has seen one tactical school go out and the other come in—but the tradition of Army Officers being uniformed and equipped at Associated just keeps going right on.

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## Have Hospital League

PONT DEVENS, Mass.—The Lowell General Hospital team has forsaken the Post Softball League and is concentrating on the operation of a league within the hospital personnel.

## Claims Brogan Title

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill.—George Nolde, lanky MP moundsman, is Sheridan candidate for Big Feet honors in the softball world. He wiggles his toes in size 14-AAA brogans.

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## Pathfinder Can Wipe Out Invisible Targets

WASHINGTON—A new P-38 Lightning lead plane that pinpoints targets through fog, darkness and bad weather for formations of high-flying conventional Lightnings with heavy bomb loads emerged today from the secrecy that has cloaked its combat operations for many months.

Termed the Pathfinder the modified Lockheed fighter carries equipment still not releaseable but revealed to be so effective that Lightning fighter-bomber sorties have been able to wipe out invisible enemy targets.

The Pathfinder's elongated metal

and plastic pilot's nacelle is cylindrical and blunt. It has instruments that are advanced over those of the now famous "droop-snoot" Lightning which contained all the standard bombing and navigational equipment of a heavy bomber.

"Droop-snoots," leading formations of conventional bomb-loaded Lightnings over Germany, fooled the Luftwaffe for almost a year before the secret of their ingenious devices was revealed.

Like the "droop-snoot," the Pathfinder is a two-man airplane. In addition to the pilot, the plane carries a bombing operator in its specially-constructed nose.

Tactical advantages of using swift Lightnings in bombing missions are tremendous. Carrying 4000 pounds of bombs on under-wing shackles, the 425-mile-an-hour fighters can strike swiftly and with great maneuverability. With bombs away, the pilot returns to his base in a fighter superior to any plane the Japanese have yet produced.

Lightning "bombers" are also fitted for effective strafing after bombs have been directed to the target. The four 50-cal. machine guns and one 20-mm. cannon located in the nose have a concentrated fire power capable of sinking warships.

## Badge Wear Rule Change

WASHINGTON—Not more than one of the badges to which an individual may be entitled—whether aviation, parachutist, glider, medical or infantryman—may be worn on the left breast above the line of medals or service ribbons at any one time, the War Department has stated in a change to paragraph 70 of AR 600-40.

The order also states that the combat or expert infantryman badge will not be worn by those attached to the Medical Department (other than during attachment to a detachment of patients) to the Corps of Chaplains or while in a flying pay status. The medical badge will not be worn in an active theater when transferred or assigned outside the Medical Department to duties which would bring them into contact with the enemy.

Apart from these restrictions, a man entitled to more than one badge may wear any one he chooses.

## WD To Resume Distribution Of Casualty Lists

WASHINGTON—The War Department will distribute Army casualty lists to press and radio, beginning July 3 since the OWI has given notification that it lacks funds to continue the present process. The casualty lists will be sent to the same addresses now receiving the lists and the format will be the same. By using presently available reproduction facilities and personnel in the War Department rather than having an outside printing job done, it was estimated that savings of up to 50 percent in the cost of publication would be made.

## Men At Pickett Keep Cows Busy

CAMP PICKETT, Va.—Battle veterans in Camp Pickett's huge Hospital Center consume enough milk in a month to float an LCT.

That's enough to give the hospital patients all the fresh milk they want to drink—which is an average of six half-gallons a day.

Here are a few monthly consumption figures: Sweet milk, 177,093 quarts; plus 292 quarts of coffee cream a month; ice cream, 2916 gallons monthly; fresh eggs, 493,876 every 30 days; fresh dairy butter, 16,460 pounds.

## Typical Tanker Chosen By Men Of The 771st Tank Battalion

WITH THE 771ST TANK BATTALION in Germany—The "Typical Tanker" is not the most be-medaled guy in his outfit—not the most dashing. He's just an average Tanker Joe, a gent who has mastered the art of wheeling, commanding and manning the guns of his armored vehicle so as to get the most out of the machine and deal the worst to the enemy.

That's the sort of Joe T/4 Paul E. Keaten is.

"He knows the Sherman tank from A to Z. He's the best driver in the Army. He rates tops with the seven different officers he has driven for," says Company Commander Capt. Roy M. Gramling.

"... He constantly goes out of his way to help anyone he can," added 1st Sgt. Charles P. York.

"He can always be depended upon to give cool judgment when in a tight spot," says his fellow tankers.

### A Representative

But for Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Jack Childers, Typical Tanker Keaten is just the representative of all the good and tough tankers in his command. Said he:

"Our Typical Tanker has been selected as a representative of those fine soldiers who have been in the thick of the fight both night and day—in a vehicle which seems to magnify a thousand the cold of winter and the heat of summer.

The Tanker's body is covered with grime and dust—if it isn't dust it's mud. He has to prevent his 65,000 pounds of steel from mirroring. When there is pause for rest your Tanker must first supply the needs of machine and guns, which consume ammunition and gasoline in seemingly limitless quantities. In a hot spot he often feels all alone as he stands nine feet above the ground.

"But it's a great feeling to see a Kraut fold before the burst of his guns and to see enemy equipment burst into flames."

Just what kind of a guy is the Tanker?

"Supermen?" asked Colonel Childers.

"No, just a grown-up boy from the plains of Kansas or the sidewalks of New York, who thinks either place is the best damned place in the world. Anyone who threatens its security will find him every inch a fightin' man."

### Poll Was Taken

That's the sort of fellow the men of the 771st Battalion believe the technician from Harmony, Me., to be. He is the winner of a poll which saw men from every platoon considered. In the final contest he nosed out T/4 William L. Armour, Sgt. Herman Hall, T/4 Frank G. Matlosz and Sgt. Max W. Ellison.

The man finally chosen to represent not only this Battalion but tankmen all over the world knows what it is like to have a tank shot out from under him. He knows what it is like to blast an enemy tank. In one action at Verdenne, Belgium, he was with two platoons which knocked out nine German tanks, one half-track and one truck.

He's had his share of engagements, having fought in every action with his company but two. He was stuck in the mud during one and had been knocked out by a bazooka at the start of the other.



THEY WERE ALL FINALISTS  
Typical Tanker Keaten (center) Was the Winner

## Ike's Recorded Speech To Be Placed In National Archives

WASHINGTON—General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower's speech to the soldiers who flew back with him on President Truman's C-54 plane from Paris, will be placed in the National Archives as a permanent record.

Arrangements were completed for the filing of additional highlights of the Army Air Forces special radio series. The sequences on the show are those secured by placing wire-recording machines in fighter planes and bombers overseas. They

record a running account of the missions over Japan.

Further "spots" from "The Fighting AAF" broadcasts include the first broadcast from a jet plane in flight, the first broadcast from a helicopter in mid-air, the first broadcast from over Hirohito's palace, an air-sea rescue over the North Sea, the voice of the American fighter pilot who downed the last German aircraft over Berlin on VE-Day and other "spots" of similar lasting interest.

Also included in the series are the voices of Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding general of the AAF, and other prominent personalities who have been heard on the broadcasts.

"The Fighting AAF" is an official presentation of the Army Air Forces. Ten combat reporter teams overseas are assigned to collect material and fly bombing and fighting missions to record sequences for the program.

## Service Chiefs Join In Tribute To General Lee

HEADQUARTERS, COM. Z.—In tribute to the man under whom they have served since the inauguration of the ETO, seven senior service chiefs have presented a silk and gold embroidered banner, symbolic of his leadership and outstanding service, to Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Commanding General, Communications Zone.

Spokesman for the group was Maj. Gen. Robert M. Littlejohn, Chief Quartermaster. The others included Maj. Gen. W. L. Hawley, Chief Surgeon; Henry B. Sayler, Chief Ordnance Officer; C. R. Moore, Chief Engineer; W. S. Rumbough, Chief Signal Officer; F. B. Ross, Chief of Transportation, and Brig. Gen. Hugh W. Rowan, Chief of Chemical Warfare Service.

## Former Prisoners Of Japs Now At Carlisle

CARLISLE, Pa.—Six Filipino Medical Officers, all victims of early Japanese aggression and for a time prisoners of war in Nip Prisoner of War camps, arrived at Carlisle Barracks last week to further their military education before rejoining outfits for the dual Allied drives to crush Japanese aggression forever.

## Uncle Sam Is a Swell Fellow

PORT MCPHERSON, Georgia—Uncle Sam is a pretty good guy if you only give him the chance to show what he can do. Take the case of a young soldier who recently passed thru the Separation Center at Port McPherson, Georgia.

The GI was stationed in the Southwest Pacific for 42 months, saw plenty of action there, and spent a good part of that period in Hawaii. He fell in love and married an American girl who was former home in Florida, he found

## Sergeant Enlisted In '04 When Private's Pay Was \$13

OLIVER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Ga.—A real old timer, who's known the Army since 1904 and spent several years as a Jap Prisoner of War, is Sgt. Robert J. Baker, a patient at the Oliver General Hospital in Atlanta, Ga.

In the days when he enlisted as a private, the monthly pay was \$12.75 one month and \$13 the next, because 12½ cents were deducted for the Old Soldiers' Home.

Blue was the color of the winter uniform then, in contrast to the olive drab of today. For 25 years he served as a mess sergeant and cook, and says the Army food of today is decidedly different. "There was no pie and ice cream and cake," he said.

Sergeant Baker, who has had two terms with the Army, first served with the Coast Artillery Corps. He was retired to the Philippines and was living at Corregidor when the war broke out. He went into service this time with the Quartermaster Corps. When the Island of Corregidor fell in May, 1942, he was

hospitalized. Just how much money will be paid the old sergeant hasn't been determined yet. But he is assured that it will run into the thousands.



himself with somewhat of a problem. He didn't want to go back to Florida, he wanted to go to Hawaii to his wife and child.

Things looked especially bad, with the high cost of transportation confronting him in order to get back to where his family was, and the government was only willing to pay his fare back to his Florida home. The problem had to be solved.

The matter was brought to the attention of the Civil Service Representative on duty at the Center. He and the young soldier got together to see if a solution could be reached. It was discovered that the soldier was an experienced electrician and knowing of the great demand for that type of worker at our Naval base in Pearl Harbor, employment was obtained for the youngster thru a branch office of the commission.

Now the young soldier is being sent to the west coast, and given first class steamship accommodations to Hawaii, with all expenses paid by Uncle Sam. He has a good job and is reunited with his family again.

## Inactivate Canadian Project Commands

EDMONTON, Alberta—Inactivation of the Army's Northwest Service Command and Northwest Engineering Division, builders of the Alaska and Canal and allied projects, was announced here June 30.

Certain functions of the two agencies will be transferred to a northwest district of the 8th Service Command. The district's headquarters will be Edmonton, and headquarters of the 8th Service Command to Chicago, Ill.

# Enters Burning Tanks To Make Rescues, Wins Medal Of Honor

**WASHINGTON.**—S/Sgt. Herschel P. Briles, of Colfax, Ia., who twice entered the hulls of burning destroyers to rescue trapped comrades during fighting in which he alone captured 55 German prisoners last Nov. 20-21, near Scherpenseel, Germany, has been awarded the Medal of Honor, the War Department announced Monday.

Sergeant Briles, Company C, 209th TD Bn., 47th Regt., 9th Infantry Division, was leading a platoon of destroyers across an exposed slope when they came under heavy enemy artillery fire. A direct hit was scored on one of the vehicles, killing one man, seriously wounding two others and setting the destroyer afire.

## Goes Into Burning Turret

With a comrade, Sergeant Briles left the cover of his own armor and raced across ground raked by artillery and small arms fire to the rescue of the men in the shattered destroyer. Without hesitation, he lowered himself into the burning turret, removed the wounded and then extinguished the fire. From a

position he assumed the next morning, he observed hostile infantry advancing. With his machine gun he poured such deadly fire into the enemy ranks that an entire pocket of 55 Germans surrendered, clearing the way for a junction between American units which had been held up for two days.

Later that day, when another of his destroyers was hit by a concealed enemy tank, he again left protection to give assistance. With

the help of another soldier, he evacuated two wounded under heavy fire and, returning to the burning vehicle, braved death from exploding ammunition to put out the flames.

Sergeant Briles was born near Colfax Feb. 7, 1914, and entered on his birthday in 1941. For gallantry in action against the Germans in France last September he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

The sergeant has been returned to this country.

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# Strikers Are Warned Delays Costing Lives

**WASHINGTON.**—Strike of 17,000 workers which has halted work at the five Akron plants of the Goodyear Company is prolonging the war, condemning countless American soldiers, sailors and fliers to death, and is providing the Japanese with the only hope they now have of resting and recovering from the heavy blows which American forces have been delivering in the Pacific by land, sea and air.

This was the startling joint statement issued by Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Assistant Secretary of the Navy H. Struve Hensel in appealing to the

strikers to return to their jobs.

Declaring that unless these workers return to their jobs at once the Army and Navy shall have to reduce "the force of our aerial offensive against the Japanese home islands and postpone military operations essential to the carrying out of our overall strategic plans for the defeat of Japan," the Army and Navy secretaries pointed out the plants involved produce a wide variety of rubber products which cannot be obtained at all or in sufficient quantities elsewhere to fulfill immediate needs.

Pictured as tied up by the strikers are:

1. Corsairs and Avengers, unable to leave for the Pacific combat area for lack of tires, brake materials and self-sealing gas tanks.

2. Maintenance stocks of rear tires for P-47 Thunderbolts have been exhausted as result of strike, and soon P-47s will be grounded at Iwo Jima for lack of materials.

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Men who must remain in the hospital for a longer time may then, if they wish, sign up for a course at the woodworking shop and build a cabinet for the radio.

### 4-Year Advanced ROTC And Higher Rank Advocated

**WASHINGTON.**—Recommendation that ROTC training be broadened after the war to include the equivalent of four years of advanced training, rather than the present two years' basic and two years' advanced, has been adopted by the executive committee of the Land-Grant College Association.

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The recommendations were made on the assumption that a system of universal military training will be adopted and students entering college to take ROTC or NROTC will have the basic training formerly given in the first two years of ROTC.

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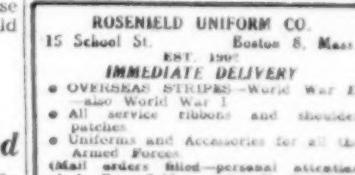
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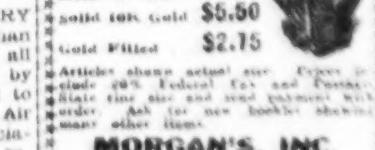
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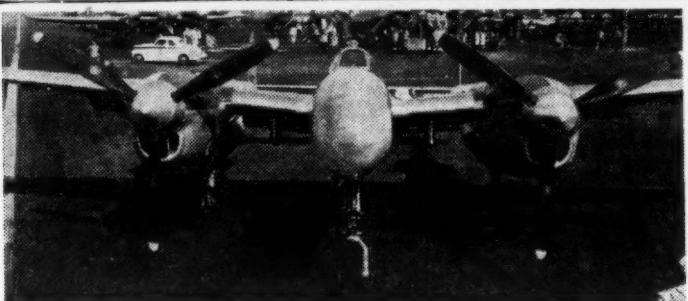
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## Pathfinder Can Wipe Out Invisible Targets

**WASHINGTON.**—A new P-38 Lightning lead plane that pinpoints targets through fog, darkness and bad weather for formations of high-flying conventional Lightnings with heavy bomb loads emerged today from the secrecy that has cloaked its combat operations for many months.

Termed the Pathfinder, the modified Lockheed fighter carries equipment still not releaseable but revealed to be so effective that Lightning fighter-bomber sorties have been able to wipe out invisible enemy targets.

The Pathfinder's elongated metal

and plastic pilot's nacelle is cylindrical and blunt. It has instruments that are advanced over those of the now famous "droop-snoot" Lightning which contained all the standard bombing and navigational equipment of a heavy bomber.

"Droop-snoots," leading formations of conventional bomb-loaded Lightnings over Germany, fooled the Luftwaffe for almost a year before the secret of their ingenious devices was revealed.

Like the "droop-snoot," the Pathfinder is a two-man airplane. In addition to the pilot, the plane carries a bombing operator in its specially-constructed nose.

Tactical advantages of using swift Lightnings in bombing missions are tremendous. Carrying 4000 pounds of bombs on underwing shackles, the 425-mile-an-hour fighters can strike swiftly and with great maneuverability. With bombs away, the pilot returns to his base in a fighter superior to any plane the Japanese have yet produced.

Lightning "bombers" are also fitted for effective strafing after bombs have been directed to the target. The four 50-cal. machine guns and one 20-mm. cannon located in the nose have a concentrated fire power capable of sinking warships.

## Badge Wear Rule Change

**WASHINGTON.**—Not more than one of the badges to which an individual may be entitled—whether aviation, parachutist, glider, medical or infantryman—may be worn on the left breast above the line of medals or service ribbons at any one time, the War Department has stated in a change to paragraph 70 of AR 600-40.

The order also states that the combat or expert infantryman badge will not be worn by those attached to the Medical Department (other than during attachment to a detachment of patients), to the Corps of Chaplains or while in a flying pay status. The medical badge will not be worn in an active theater when transferred or assigned outside the Medical Department to duties which would bring them into contact with the enemy.

Apart from these restrictions, a man entitled to more than one badge may wear any one he chooses.

## WD To Resume Distribution of Casualty Lists

**WASHINGTON.**—The War Department will distribute Army casualty lists to press and radio, beginning July 2, since the OWI has given notification that it lacks funds to continue the present process. The casualty lists will be sent to the same addresses now receiving the lists and the format will be the same. By using presently available reproduction facilities and personnel in the War Department rather than having an outside printing job done, it was estimated that savings of up to 60 percent in the cost of publication would be made.

## Men At Pickett Keep Cows Busy

**CAMP PICKETT, Va.**—Battle veterans in Camp Pickett's huge Hospital Center consume enough milk in a month to float an LCT. That's enough to give the hospital patients all the fresh milk they want to drink—which is an average of six half-pints a day.

Here are a few monthly consumption figures: Sweet milk, 137,093 quarts, plus 232 quarts of coffee cream a month; ice cream, 2916 gallons monthly; fresh eggs, 453,876 every 30 days; real dairy butter, 16,400 pounds.

## Uncle Sam Is a Swell Fellow

**FORT MCPHERSON, Georgia.**—Uncle Sam is a pretty good guy if you'll only give him the chance to show what he can do. Take the case of a young soldier who recently passed thru the Separation Center at Fort McPherson, Georgia.

The GI was stationed in the Southwest Pacific for 42 months, saw plenty of action there, and spent a good part of that period in Hawaii. He fell in love and married an American girl who was

working there on a Civil Service job. Soon there were three in the family.

With the present Army point system he was eligible for discharge, so the Army sent him from Pearl Harbor to Fort McPherson, the point of his induction into the Army, to separate him from the service.

After all formalities were transacted and it came time to pay off the soldier his travel pay to his former home in Florida, he found

himself with somewhat of a problem. He didn't want to go back to Florida, he wanted to go to Hawaii to his wife and child.

Things looked especially bad, what with the high cost of transportation confronting him in order to get back to where his family was, and the government was only willing to pay his fare back to his Florida home. The problem had to be solved.

The matter was brought to the attention of the Civil Service Representative on duty at the Center. He and the young soldier got together to see if a solution could be reached. It was discovered that the soldier was an experienced electrician and knowing of the great demand for that type of worker at our Naval base in Pearl Harbor, employment was obtained for the youngster thru a branch office of the commission.

Now the young soldier is being sent to the west coast, and given first class steamship accommodations to Hawaii, with all expenses paid by Uncle Sam. He has a good job and is reunited with his family again.

## Inactivate Canadian Project Commands

**EDMONTON, Alberta.**—Inactivation of the Army's Northwest Service Command and Northwest Engineer Division, builders of the Alcan and Canol and allied projects, was announced here June 30.

Certain functions of the two agencies will be transferred to a northwest district of the 6th Service Command. The district's headquarters will be Edmonton, and headquarters of the 6th Service command is Chicago, Ill.

## Typical Tanker Chosen By Men Of The 771st Tank Battalion

**WITH THE 771ST TANK BATTALION IN GERMANY.**—The "Typical Tanker" is not the most be-medaled guy in his outfit—not the most dashing. He's just an average Tanker Joe, a gent who has mastered the art of wheeling, commanding and manning the guns of his armored vehicle so as to get the most out of the machine and deal the worst to the enemy.

That's the sort of Joe T/4 Paul E. Keaten is.

"He knows the Sherman tank from A to Z. He's the best driver in the Army. He rates tops with the seven different officers he has driven for," says Company Commander Capt. Roy M. Gramling.

"... He constantly goes out of his way to help anyone he can," added 1st Sgt. Charles P. York.

"He can always be depended upon to give cool judgment when in a tight spot," says his fellow tankers.

### A Representative

But for Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Jack Childers, Typical Tanker Keaten is just the representative of all the good and tough tankers in his command. Said he:

"Our Typical Tanker has been selected as a representative of those fine soldiers who have been in the thick of the fight both night and day—in a vehicle which seems to magnify a thousand the cold of winter and the heat of summer.

"The Tanker's body is covered with grime and dust—if it isn't dust it's mud. He has to prevent his 65,000 pounds of steel from mirring. When there is pause for rest your Tanker must first supply the needs of machine and guns, which consume ammunition and gasoline in seemingly limitless quantities. In a hot spot he often feels all alone as he stands nine feet above the ground."

"But it's a great feeling to see a Kraut fold before the burst of his guns and to see enemy equipment burst into flames."

Just what kind of a guy is the Tanker?

"Supermen?" asked Colonel Chil-

ders. "No, just a grown-up boy from the plains of Kansas or the sidewalks of New York, who thinks either place is the best damned place in the world. Anyone who threatens its security will find him every inch a fightin' man."

### Poll Was Taken

That's the sort of fellow the men of the 771st Battalion believe the technician from Harmony, Me., to be. He is the winner of a poll which saw men from every platoon considered. In the final contest he nosed out T/4 William L. Armour, Sgt. Herman Hall, T/4 Frank G. Matlosz and Sgt. Max W. Ellison.



THEY WERE ALL FINALISTS  
Typical Tanker Keaten (center) Was the Winner

## Ike's Recorded Speech To Be Placed In National Archives

**WASHINGTON.**—General of the Army Dwight Eisenhower's speech to the soldiers who flew back with him on President Truman's C-54 plane from Paris, will be placed in the National Archives as a permanent record.

Arrangements were completed for the filing of additional highlights of the Army Air Forces special radio series. The sequences on the show are those secured by placing wire-recording machines in fighter planes and bombers overseas. They

record a running account of the missions over Japan.

Further "spots" from "The Fighting AAF" broadcasts include the first broadcast from a jet plane in flight, the first broadcast from a helicopter in mid-air, the first broadcast from over Hirohito's palace, an air-sea rescue over the North Sea, the voice of the American fighter pilot who downed the last German aircraft over Berlin on VE-Day and other "spots" of similar lasting interest.

Also included in the series are the voices of Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding general of the AAF, and other prominent personalities who have been heard on the broadcasts.

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## Service Chiefs Join In Tribute To General Lee

**HEADQUARTERS, COM. Z.**—In tribute to the man under whom they have served since the inauguration of the ETO, seven senior service chiefs have presented a silk and gold embroidered banner, symbolic of his leadership and outstanding service, to Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Commanding General, Communication Zone.

Spokesman for the group was Maj. Gen. Robert M. Littlejohn, Chief Quartermaster. The others included Maj. Gens. W. L. Hawley, Chief Surgeon; Henry B. Sayler, Chief Ordnance Officer; C. R. Moore, Chief Engineer; W. S. Rumbough, Chief Signal Officer; F. S. Ross, Chief of Transportation, and Brig. Gen. Hugh W. Rowan, Chief of Chemical Warfare Service.

## Former Prisoners Of Japs Now At Carlisle

**CARLISLE, Pa.**—Six Filipino Medical Officers, all victims of early Japanese aggression and for a time prisoners of war in Nip Prisoner of War camps, arrived at Carlisle Barracks last week to further their military education before rejoining outfits for the final Allied drives to crush Japanese aggression forever.



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# Enters Burning Tanks To Make Rescues, Wins Medal Of Honor

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Sergeant Briles, Company C, 399th TD Bn., 47th Regt., 9th Infantry Division, was leading a platoon of destroyers across an exposed slope when they came under heavy enemy artillery fire. A direct hit was scored on one of the vehicles, killing one man, seriously wounding two others and setting the destroyer afire.

#### Goes Into Burning Turret

With a comrade, Sergeant Briles left the cover of his own armor and raced across ground raked by artillery and small arms fire to the rescue of the men in the shattered destroyer. Without hesitation, he lowered himself into the burning turret, removed the wounded and then extinguished the fire. From a

position he assumed the next morning, he observed hostile infantry advancing. With his machine gun he poured such deadly fire into the enemy ranks that an entire pocket of 55 Germans surrendered, clearing the way for a junction between American units which had been held up for two days.

Later that day, when another of his destroyers was hit by a concealed enemy tank, he again left protection to give assistance. With

the help of another soldier, he evacuated two wounded under heavy fire and, returning to the burning vehicle, braved death from exploding ammunition to put out the flames.

Sergeant Briles was born near Colfax Feb. 7, 1914, and entered on his birthday in 1941. For gallantry in action against the Germans in France last September he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal.

The sergeant has been returned to this country.

## Hubby, Home And Kiddies, Desire Of Butner Wacs

**CAMP BUTNER,** N. C.—The "Wac is a soldier, too," but she is a potential bride as well if the results of a survey just made of a typical Women's Army Corps company, Wac Headquarters Detachment, offer an index of the future for the American women in Army uniform.

In answer to the query: "What is the first thing that you want to do when you are a civilian again?" one third of the company of 79 said frankly they intended to marry.

In most instances the Wacs said they will become the brides of service men now in the Pacific when peace comes and they return home.

The desire for husband, home and children when the war is won is interpreted as a swing back to women's careerless days when housewife and mother were proud titles.



—Signal Corps Photo

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This was the startling joint statement issued by Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Assistant Secretary of the Navy H. Struve Hensel in appealing to the

strikers to return to their jobs.

Declaring that unless these workers return to their jobs at once the Army and Navy shall have to reduce "the force of our aerial offensive against the Japanese home islands and postpone military operations essential to the carrying out of our overall strategic plans for the defeat of Japan," the Army and Navy secretaries pointed out the plants involved produce a wide variety of rubber products which cannot be obtained at all or in sufficient quantities elsewhere to fulfill immediate needs.

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## Book Notes

The most thoroughly enjoyable book to come our way in many a month is "Up Front," text and cartoons by the imitable Bill Mauldin (Henry Holt & Co., \$3). This cheeky young champion of the foot soldier—he once turned down General Patton's suggestion that he clean up Joe and Willie—has collected the best of his cartoons and supplied a running text explaining the background, the characters and the weary life of the infantryman. We have long maintained that Bill is the number one cartoonist of this war—and, now, we can toss bouquets for his writing ability. Our guess is that Bill's description of the Joes in Foxhole Fraternity will be rated by that gang as strictly okay.

There's another good cartoon book on the market and we particularly like the story behind it. A tall, gawky Westerner met a gal in a Brooklyn USO. He dated her a few times before shipping. From India began coming hilarious letters, actually more like Disney cartoons than letters. The gal, a topaz-eyed model, proudly showed them to friends and finally to a "Look" editor. The magazine printed a few—the resultant fan mail demanded a book. "Dear Gertrood" is the result (Robert McBride & Co., \$2) and Wendell Ehret, the GI, joins the ranks of sharp-eyed cartoonists who see the funny side of Army life.

Although the cartoons aren't all important, they do a swell job of doling up the slickest Pentagon kidding story of the war. Written by Lt. Col. Alan Lake Chidsey and Col. F. Moylan Fitts, it is the story of splay-footed, myopic, patriotic little Heinz, a Pentagon messenger. "This is the forgotten man of the war!" the colonels wrote. "Glory is not his, but how many would have had their glory without him?" Loyal Heinz is the only one who escapes the harpoons of satirist Chidsey, who not too gently kids the War Department, the Civil Service and Washington, stating that "as a matter of fact, if the War Department had any conscience at all, it would award purple hearts for stomach ulcers as well as wounds." ("Heinz," Southern Publishers, Inc., \$1.)

Remember "C/O Postmaster," which recounted with high good humor the mishaps that befall an average GI "down under"? Ozzie St. George has done it again, and in "Proceed Without Delay" (Thomas Y. Crowell, \$2) are further adventures of the screwball sergeant and his strange bedfellows—with more of the author's revealing illustrations.

In a more serious vein, Thomas Y. Crowell publishes "Island 49," by Merle Miller, \$2. It is the story of the taking of one small Pacific island. The story consists mainly of flashbacks to the pasts of the officers and men. The battle accounts are vivid and well reported. It is a good action-filled war book.

With discharged veterans becoming more numerous every day, the accent in book publishing is gradually swinging toward the "now-you're-back" attitude. This new attitude is reflected in two publications, "Good-by to GI, How to be a Successful Civilian," by Maxwell Droke (Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, \$1), and "How to Develop Profitable Ideas," by Otto F. Reiss (Prentice-Hall, \$3).

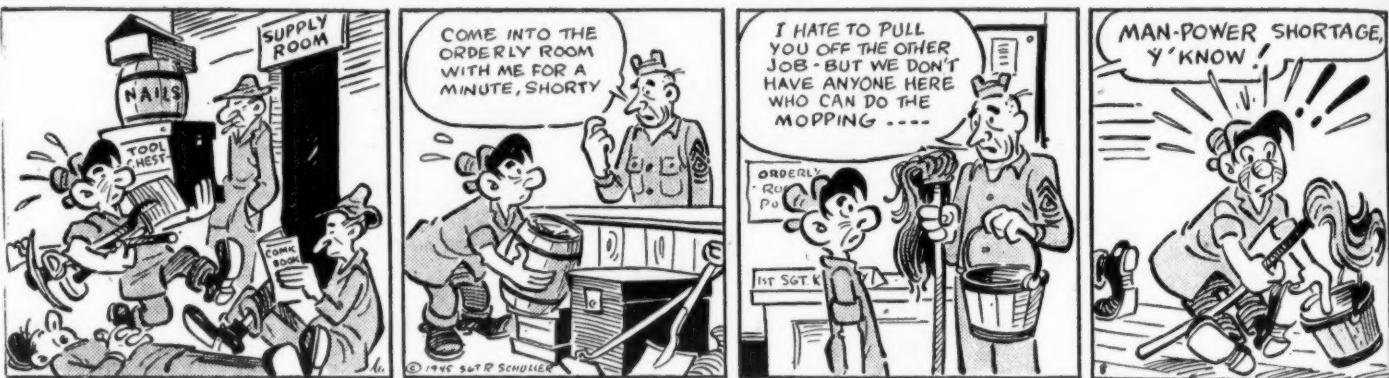
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### State Guard To Meade

FORT MEADE, Md.—The Maryland State Guard, commanded by Brig. Gen. Dwight H. Mohr, comes to Fort Meade July 22 for its annual summer encampment, to be quartered in the 4th and 8th AGF Regiment areas.



### SHORTY



### Cpl. CLUCK

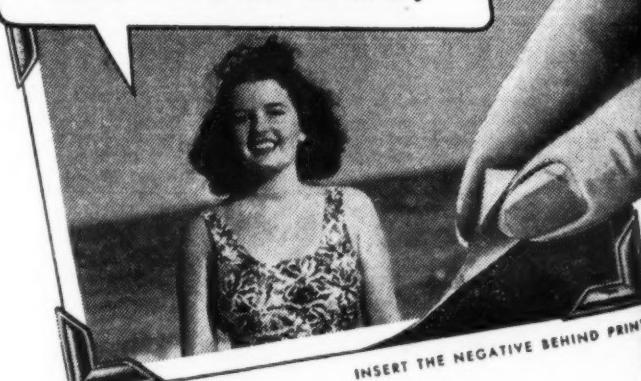


"I don't remember no delays gittin' us overseas."

By Sgt. R. Schuller, Camp Pinedale, Calif., Unit of 4th AAF

By Cpl. "Tap" Goodenough, Ft. Benning, Ga.

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# Mess Line

Is that girl's dress torn or am I  
wearing things?

Both!

\* \* \*  
It's pretty easy to recognize  
the stripes in the corporal's  
mice.

\* \* \*  
Epitaph for an atheist—Here lies  
man all dressed up with no place  
to go.

\* \* \*  
Have pity on those sad GIs  
Whose gals have done them  
dirty;  
There's nothing that can dry  
those eyes  
Except another shirt.

\* \* \*  
It's a wonder Solomon ever managed  
to sleep with the thousand  
so things he had his mind on!

\* \* \*  
I used to bully the office boy,  
Poor little Benjamin How,  
But never again will I yell at  
Ben—  
The kid's a colonel now.

\* \* \*  
Joe: I found that the Chinese  
were all Democrats.  
Mac: What do you mean?  
Joe: Every time I took one out  
I said, "No Dewey."

\* \* \*  
Twas just the other evening  
In a fortune-telling place,  
A pretty Gypsy read his mind  
And then she slapped his face.

\* \* \*  
The Great Lakes are now—Michigan,  
Superior, Huron, Erie, Ontario  
and Veronica.

\* \* \*  
And a first sergeant submits this

\* \* \*  
You wuvves me say so,  
You don't wuvves me, don't say  
so,

But if you wuvves me and can't  
say so,  
Then kiss me twice  
And tweet me wuff  
Cause I wuvves that caveman  
stuff!

Now, now, Sarge!

\* \* \*  
Now that the Army is discharging  
men over 40, we're sorry our  
mothers and fathers believed in  
engagements.

## Group Formed To Standardize Per Diem Rates

WASHINGTON.—An "Overseas  
Per Diem and Allowance Committee"  
has been established in the War  
Department to make decisions on  
tests for changes in per diem  
allowance rates, to make recom-  
mendations for special rates for  
missions or other assignments justifying  
extraordinary expenditures  
and to coordinate per diem and al-  
lowance rates with the Navy and,  
where desirable, with other govern-  
ment agencies.

The committee is composed of a  
representative each from the per-  
sonnel (G-1), intelligence and bud-  
get divisions of the War Depart-  
ment Staff; the personnel (A-1) di-  
vision of the Air Staff and the Of-  
fice of the Fiscal Director, ASF.

## Congressmen Praise Gen. Covell

WASHINGTON.—Praise for the  
work of Maj. Gen. W. E. R. Covell  
in perfecting supply routes in India  
and Burma was meted out lavishly  
in the House, June 28, when six  
congressmen took the floor to com-  
mend on the officers' achievements.  
Rep. Fulton, D., Pa., elected to  
express from the Navy, declared  
he saluted "the fine Army Serv-  
ices Supply Forces wherever they  
are working in teeming jungles or  
over rocky crags."

Fulton was joined in his praise  
of Covell by Reps. Harris, D., Ark.;  
Feld, D., Mont.; Weiss, D., Pa.;  
Catt, R., Pa., and Corbett, R.



"KEEP MATCHES AND  
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this Glorious Fourth shot.

## China Has Plenty Of Gas But U. S. Must Refine It

KUNMING, China.—In its quest  
for vital war supplies from local  
sources the U. S. Army has not  
overlooked the possibility of in-  
creasing supplies of gasoline from  
China's oilfields.

Lt. Col. Charles H. Andrus, oil  
operator and petroleum engineer,  
who has been in ordnance and  
transportation duty with the U. S.  
forces in India-Burma and China,  
has completed a special survey of  
oil-producing areas in China and  
has reported that a considerable  
gain in output can be effected if  
prompt steps are taken to install  
a moderate amount of refining  
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